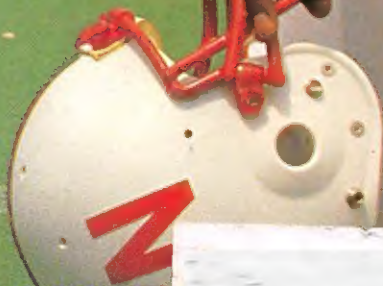


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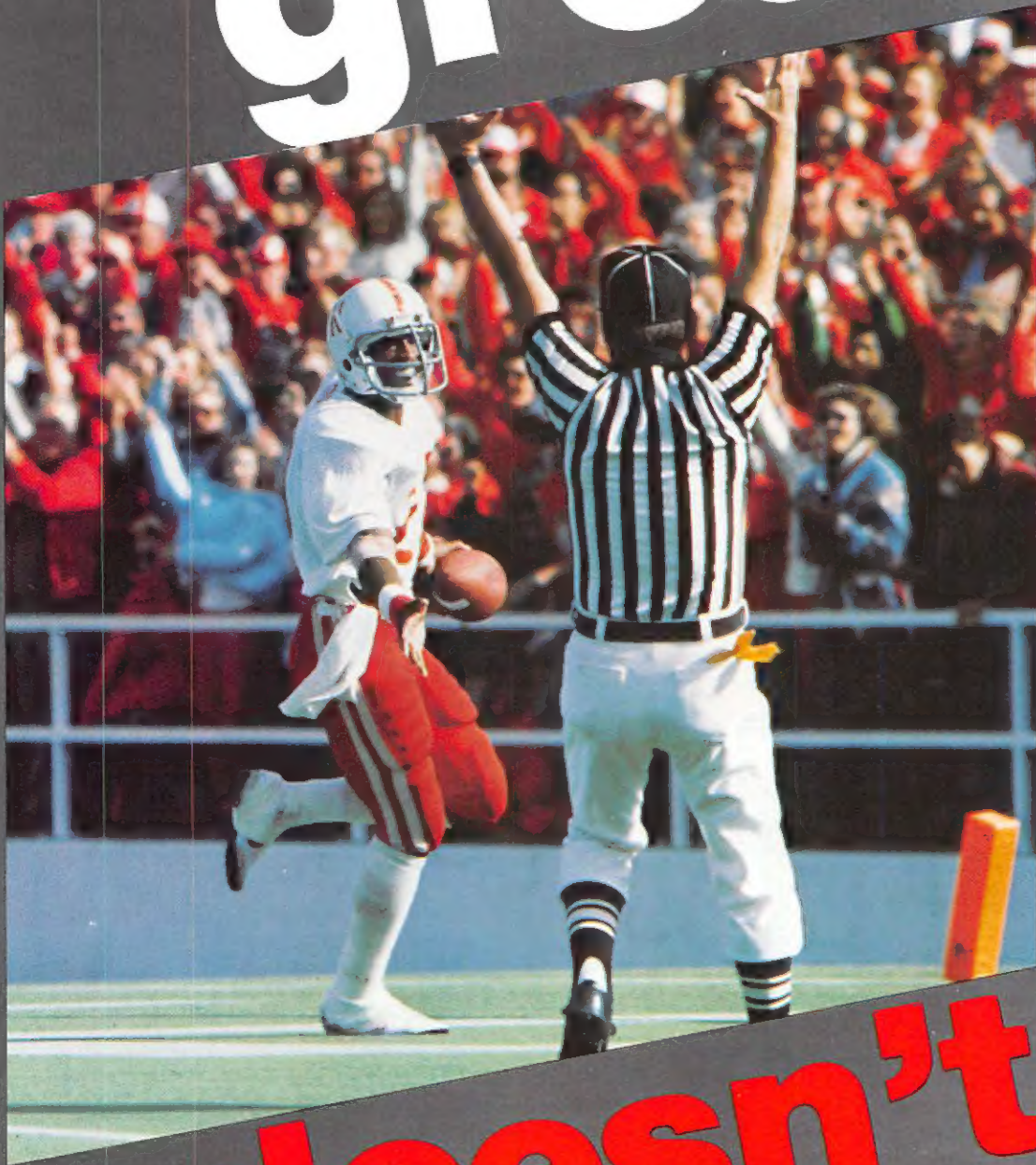
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Nebraska fans fidgeted in the spring when quarterback-shortstop Turner Gill said there was a 50-50 chance he would forego his senior season of football to sign a professional contract in baseball, his first love.

There was a collective sigh of relief in Huskerdom when Gill decided to return for his final campaigns in both football and baseball.

The decision was not easy, but it was much simpler than the one he made to become a Cornhusker in the first place. The story behind those decisions is in this edition.

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Ask Tom Osborne

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A second court ruling in mid-May upheld an earlier ruling that the current NCAA television contract for college football violates federal antitrust law. In June, the College Football Association (CFA) used the opportunity to announce its proposed network television package and the NCAA responded with a contingency plan to compete with the CFA. How do you view the college football television picture?

"If it stands, I think the ruling will help most college teams in the long run. Obviously, when we go out and play a game, the game is our product as far as the fans are concerned. They pay their way in.

"Likewise, those people who own television sets and buy advertising should have the same privilege in dealing with the university. The university is responsible for what appears on the field, not the NCAA. So I think what the courts have ruled so far is consistent with the way I see college football. It's probably a just decision.

"Right now, though, everybody is a little uncertain. Most schools feel it's important to form coalitions of some kind — whether it's within conferences, regions, CFA or NCAA. Most everyone is convinced we shouldn't splinter and try to set up our own thing. I see the University of Nebraska benefiting by continuing some type of national format whereby we would appear three or four times a year on television.

"Whether those appearances are through the CFA, NCAA or Big Eight, I don't know. But sometime, down the road, I can see closed-circuit television entering the picture. If the game was sold out and was not on a national or regional telecast, it could be sold either on closed-circuit or pay TV in the homes.

"I could see maybe 100,000 homes in Nebraska, paying \$5 to \$10 a set to watch a game. And that would really be a financial boon to us. The football program itself is doing all right financially. But when football is asked to pay the major part of the freight for so many other sports and those costs keep escalating, I guess you always have to keep looking at new areas of revenue.

"Right now, I think we'll stay with the NCAA format through this next season. Nobody seems to know if the next court ruling will come down in a month or six months. But if it's consistent with the last two, then it would appear that the CFA and the conferences had better be prepared to come up with some alternative plans, and I think they will.

"I would imagine that ultimately, for the CFA plan to work, you'd have the Big 10 and Pac 10 get sucked into it, so you'd have about 80 so-called top Division I teams involved. I can see something like that happening. If it becomes a conference thing, the Big Eight would be hurt by population. Obviously, the Big 10, Pac 10 and some of the Eastern independents have a lot more people. Even the Southwest Conference has a lot more people and a lot more television sets. So I would assume that we

would be better off to be hooked up with a more national type of set up than just the Big Eight.

At a June banquet in Kansas City, you were honored as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes' National Coach of the Year. What is your philosophy as a football coach who is also a Christian?

"From time to time, people do wonder about the compatibility of Christianity and contact sports such as football, boxing, hockey or wrestling. And I guess the thing I look at is the possibility of having hard contact and yet not really hate your opponent or try to hurt him. As a matter of fact, a lot of times in football and other contact sports, you have a great deal of regard for your opponent. You respect his ability and you're trying to beat him. You're trying to overcome him, but you're not trying to destroy him or do anything that would permanently damage him.

"Injuries occur. Sometimes, violence erupts and sometimes, people do play with a good deal of hatred. But our approach to coaching has not been the mentality where you try to whip your players up into a frenzy and berate your opponent.

"We have chapel service the morning of games. Catholics go to Mass and usually, there's some type of prayer for our opponents that they play well and not be injured. Basically, that's our approach to it. I feel, personally — and I would hope that a certain percentage of the players would feel — that their spiritual life is an important part of preparation to play.

"We're kind of in the business of turning out physical supermen. In a way, some of the strength and the speed and the agility feats that players can perform now were thought almost impossible 10 years ago. Because of strength training, our players are physically more advanced. And, by and large, most of them are quite intelligent and do well in school. So intellectually, they're above average people and yet when you have a lot of gifts like this, you have more opportunities to be of service or to self-destruct.

"A lot of people look at athletic talent and money and all these things as a great gift. But in some ways, it's harder to live. When you have all these things going for you, you have a lot more options. You've got more temptations than somebody who's less gifted and you can have more problems in a hurry. We feel we can't preach it (religion) to players. I certainly can't have them believe what I believe. But at least I feel it's my responsibility that they have an opportunity to mature spiritually and get some encouragement along those lines. Whether they take it or not is something I can't speak for."

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Letters



Dear Big Red Mailbag:

After completing his gymnastics career at Nebraska, Steve Elliott was reported to have one year left on his swimming scholarship and was to complete his education while competing on the diving team.

Steve was then reported to have decided to join the Kurt Thomas professional gymnastics tour. I have heard that this tour has folded.

Has Steve decided to return and compete on the diving team? What are his future plans?

Charles P. Sullivan
Houston, Tex.

•Swimming Coach Cal Bentz would love to have the multi-talented Amarillo, Tex., native back for another season, but, he said, "His five-year clock ran out." Which means Elliott had to complete his four years of eligibility in five years after enrolling.

The pro gymnastics tour did, indeed, fold, and Elliott has spent the summer helping conduct cheerleading clinics in Memphis and in international tumbling competition in Europe. He also has tried to break into stunt work in Hollywood and will be back on campus this fall as an assistant coach with Francis Allen's four-time national gymnastics team — ED.

Dear Big Red Mailbag:

A really decent magazine.

Do you have any information on ex-Cornhusker, ex-Oakland Raider Kent McCloughan, a Nebraskan via Broken Bow and a great high school athlete. Enjoyed reading about the '60s and '70s alumni during past issues but didn't see anything about Kent.

Ken Shelbourn
Grand Ledge, Mich.

•Kent was Nebraska's high school athlete of the year by both the Omaha World-Herald and Lincoln Journal-Star in 1961 as an all-state halfback and record-setter in the 220 before making major contributions to Bob Devaney's first three teams that combined for a 28-5 record.

He was a two-way halfback as a sophomore and junior and settled at left half on offense as a senior on a 9-2 team that lost to Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl. He also won the Big Eight 220 in track.

Kent played six years in the secondary for the Raiders and teamed with Husker mate Warren Powers at the corners in the second Super Bowl against Green Bay. He retired in 1970 after a knee injury.

McCloughan is still a Raider. He has been a scout in the Midwest and Western Regions for Oakland since 1972 while living in Loveland, Colo., where he

owns and manages an apartment building and owns commercial property.

He returns to Nebraska frequently. "I grew up and played there. Those were exciting times because we won," he said. His three sons are 16, 15 and 12. Athletes? "They all try," he said — ED.

Dear Big Red Mailbag:

I have been following Nebraska football players for several years, and I am especially interested in Mark Mauer. I would like to know if he is with the Boston Breakers. I have heard conflicting reports on whether he is or not.

If he isn't with them, what is he doing now?
Denise Pecha
Omaha, Neb.

•Mauer, quarterback and offensive captain in 1981, declined a tryout with the USFL team because of a chronic shoulder problem. He received his bachelor's degree in physical education in May and is currently working on his master's in athletic administration. He will be on the field this fall as a Husker graduate assistant coach — ED.



Dear Big Red Mailbag:

The Nebraska Alumni of Austin, Tex., have the beginnings of an active group of native Nebraskans living in central Texas. We are attempting to organize these people into a supporting organization for the University of Nebraska.

We are not limiting participation in this group to alumni, but we are also trying to attract anyone who is interested in supporting the University of Nebraska.

Our initial activity was a picnic affair in June at Lake Georgetown north of Austin. At this meeting,

we elected officers, discussed future activities and generally tried to come up with better ways to support the University of Nebraska. Anyone who might be interested in such a group may contact Richard Marshall, 12912 Pegasus, Austin, Tex., 78759.

Patrick D. Mullen, M.D.
Austin, Tex.

Dear Big Red Mailbag:

In future years, I wonder if Huskers Illustrated could supply its subscribers with a photo of the Cornhusker squad suitable for framing. Are squad pictures available?

Wally Bork
Lansing, Mich.

•A full-color picture of the football team was carried in our centerspread of last November's issue. The Extra Point Club has black and white squad pictures available to the public for \$7.95. Contact Vince Colura, President, Extra Point Club, 141 So. 9th St., Lincoln, Neb. 68508 — ED.

Dear Big Red Mailbag:

I enjoy your magazine very much. There is no better way for a true Big Red fan to stay informed. Your coverage of Husker football recruiting was tops. That is easily the best issue of the year.

I do have one question. I noticed that two Husker recruits from 1982 — Todd Carpenter, a lineman from Grand Island, and Dan Casterline, a defensive back from Evergreen, Colo., did not appear on any of the spring depth charts. Why?

I look forward to the next issue and another run at the national championship.

Jack Baldwin
Lakeside, Ariz.

•Carpenter dropped out in the spring but will be back on the roster this fall. Casterline missed spring drills after undergoing knee surgery. He, too, will be back — ED.

Dear Big Red Mailbag:

The very first issue had a rundown on the recruits. Stanley Wade was a top prospect. What has happened to him? I know that Pat Conner quit school and Mark Davis and Guy Rozier are playing baseball, but what happened to Bill Lewis, John Hayes and the others, including walkon Will Curtis?

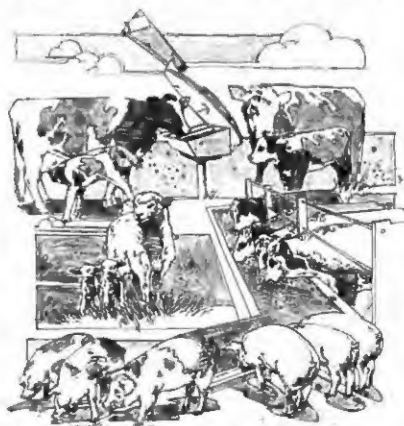
What happened to (Scott) McLaughlin, (Ron) Bachmann, (Kevin) Waechter and (Brian) Kramer? The Nebraska media guide does not include this. I know that it takes times for some players to develop, but please let us know how they are progressing.

Richard Dudash
Belleville, Ill.

•Davis dropped football for center field on the baseball team, but Guy Rozier is still a football prospect in the secondary. Lewis has moved from center to tackle. He, linebacker Wade and running back Curtis were redshirted last season. Hayes has enrolled at UN-Omaha. McLaughlin transferred to Rice. Bachmann dropped out and returned home to St. Louis. Waechter and Kramer have retired from football but are still in school. Kramer is an assistant in Boyd Epley's strength program — ED. •

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Inside Husker sports

Johnson shines at festival

Scott Johnson has had no shortage of thrilling experiences and exposure to pressure in his young life. He was on the fringes of the junior national gymnastics elite when he arrived at Nebraska from Colorado Springs. He quickly joined the inner circle.

Johnson started drawing attention when he finished fifth in the USGF championships and made the national team in 1981 while a Husker sophomore. Then he finished fourth in the all-around in the World Games trials. "That was just like making the Olympic team," he said.

As a Husker he was instrumental in four national team championships. The last one was tops because he was a senior, it was won at Penn State after the first three were in front of the home crowd, the team set a school scoring record and Johnson was the ringleader with three individual gold medals.

Also, he set a record last year with seven medals in the National Sports Festival in his home town.

"All of those things were super thrilling," Johnson said.

But those successes in the competitive arena didn't fully prepare him for the emotional impact of one turn around the track at the Air Force Academy's Falcon Stadium near his hometown this summer.

Johnson was invited back to join softball pitcher Kathy Arendsen in running the final lap with a torch that had been carried from Pike's Peak and then lighting the Sports Festival flame at opening ceremonies.

"When we first got into that stadium and 40,000 people stood and cheered, I got chills up and down my body. Kathy and I were terribly nervous. We were hanging onto each other and shaking. We were

Tom's closing in

Husker football coach Tom Osborne has quietly closed the gap on the leaders in career coaching achievements. Heading into the 1983 season, Osborne has piled up 96 wins against only 24 losses and a pair of ties. That's a percentage of .795, and ranks him only two wins behind Oklahoma's Barry Switzer — the nation's winningest coach percentage-wise (.843).

With a win against Penn State in the August 29 lid-lifter, Osborne could pull within a single victory of Switzer, who has a record of 98-17-3. And with the Sooners facing an opening road game at Stanford, followed by dates with Ohio State and Texas, there's a good chance Osborne could pass the OU coach before the two teams meet in Norman this November.

Switzer, by the way, has won 62 Big Eight Conference games, while Osborne trails with 56. The closest to those two is Missouri's Warren Powers with 17! Oklahoma State's Jimmy Johnson has 14 league wins and Kansas State's Jim Dickey 10. Colorado's Bill McCartney won a single Big Eight game in his maiden voyage last fall, while Iowa State and Kansas both feature new coaches this year.

Another milestone Osborne is certain to pass this season is the career coaching victory record at Nebraska. Bob Devaney, in his 11 years at the Husker helm, compiled a record of 101 wins, 20 losses and two ties, or a winning percentage of .829. Osborne could tie his former boss in wins when NU meets Syracuse in Lincoln Oct. 1. If the Big Red is 5-0 after that one, Osborne could become the all-time winningest coach at Nebraska the following week at Oklahoma State.

Pressure to win in the Big Eight takes its toll, particularly with Nebraska and Oklahoma dominating like they have. Switzer and Osborne are both entering their 11th seasons as head coaches at OU and Nebraska, respectively. Since they took over in 1973, the rest of the league has gone through 17 coaches.

And coaching talent does not seem to be the problem. Some of the former Big Eight coaches who failed to break the Big Red chain of command are Earle Bruce, John Majors, Pepper Rodgers, Chuck Fairbanks, Dan Devine and Jim Stanley.

bowl times announced

Kickoff for the Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida, has been set once again for 8 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time) Jan. 2. The complete bowl lineup, with kickoff times, (all EST) follows:

Independence Bowl, Shreveport, La., Dec. 10, 8 p.m.; California Bowl, Fresno, Ca., Dec. 17, 4 p.m.; Florida Citrus Bowl

(formerly the Tangerine Bowl), Orlando, Fl., Dec. 17, 8 p.m.; Holiday Bowl, San Diego, Ca., Dec. 23, 9 p.m.; Sun Bowl, El Paso, Tx., Dec. 24, 3 p.m.; Aloha Bowl, Honolulu, Hawaii, Dec. 26, 8 p.m.; Liberty Bowl, Memphis, Tn., Dec. 29, 8:30 p.m.; Hall of Fame Bowl, Birmingham, Al., Dec. 30, 2 p.m.; Peach Bowl, Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 30, 3 p.m.; Gator Bowl, Jacksonville, Fl., Dec. 30, 8 p.m.; Bluebonnet Bowl, Houston, Tx., Dec. 31, 8 p.m.; Cotton Bowl, Dallas, Tx., Jan. 2, 1:30 p.m.; Fiesta Bowl, Tempe, Az., Jan. 2, 1:30 p.m.; Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Ca., Jan. 2, 5 p.m.; Sugar Bowl, New Orleans, La., Jan. 2, 8 p.m.; and Orange Bowl, Miami, Fl., Jan. 2, 8 p.m.

The traditional New Year's Day bowl games are being played on Jan. 2, as Jan. 1 falls on a Sunday in 1984.

Nebraska has made it to 14 straight bowl games since Bob Devaney's 1969 team blasted Georgia, 45-6, in the Sun Bowl. In fact, the Huskers have appeared in bowl games 19 of the last 21 years, missing only in 1967 and 1968.

If Nebraska wins the Big Eight championship again this year and goes to the Orange Bowl, it will mark the first time ever that the same Big Eight school has gone to Miami three straight years as the host team.

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Indoor track	½	1½	¾	2	2½	2½	1½	1
Swimming	8	4	-	6	5	7	-	-
Gymnastics	8	6	-	7	-	-	-	-
Wrestling	6	5	8	7	4	-	-	-
Baseball	4	7	8	3	5	6	2	-
Outdoor track	1	½	1½	2½	1½	2½	2	¾
Tennis	6	7	8	2	-	4	3	5
Golf	5	6½	8	2	6½	4	1	3
Totals	52½	52½	47	40	36½	31½	19½	15½

Women's Sports

	NU	OU	MU	KU	IS	KS	OS	CU
Volleyball	8	4	7	3	6	5	-	-
Cross country	1½	½	1½	¾	2½	2½	1	2
Tennis	6	7	-	4	2	3	8	5
Indoor track	2½	1 1/6	2	1 1/6	¾	2½	½	1½
Basketball	3	4	7	6	2	8	1	5
Gymnastics	8	7	6	-	4	-	5	-
Swimming	7	5	4	8	6	-	-	-
Outdoor track	2½	1½	2½	1½	1	2	½	¾
Softball	2	6	8	5	3	4	7	-
Golf	8	7	4½	4½	3	2	6	-
Totals	48½	43 1/6	42½	33½	30	29	28½	14½
Combined totals	101½	95½	79	75½	70	65½	48½	29½

Points awarded on the basis of 8 for first, 7 for second, 6 for third, etc. No points were awarded if a school did not compete in a sport.

Note: Cross country, indoor track and outdoor track are combined as one sport, one-third value to each.

By Randy York

"Without football, Nebraska cannot be where it is athletically. Football is the word that best describes our program. Thank the Lord for a great football program. It's absolutely critical. I'm for anything — within the boundaries of fairness — that our football program needs to stay healthy and competitive. That's got to be the first priority for all of us." — **Dr. June B. Davis**

It was mid-June and June B. Davis was asked to give sort of a state of the Nebraska athletic program message, much like Ronald Reagan is asked to give a state of the union message.

Davis, the NU women's athletic director whose Huskers had just won another Big Eight women's all-sports championship, did not hesitate to pinpoint the reason.

Football, she said, continues to be the heart and soul of the best all-around athletic program in the Big Eight Conference.

The Huskers won five of the 10 conference championships in women's athletics. They

also won three of the 11 league titles in men's athletics to repeat as the Big Eight's combined all-sports champions.

Davis called football the green light to the checkered flag. The Huskers started this year's race on the pole and went wire-to-wire, thanks mainly to another 7-0 finish in football.

Although that record counts no more in the all-sports standings than men's championships in swimming and gymnastics, or women's titles in volleyball, golf, indoor and outdoor track, and gymnastics, football is still the hand that feeds the whole program.

NU Athletic Director Bob Devaney puts it in financial terms. "The whole program will usually follow the lead of the football program," he said. "If you're on top in football, it's easier to raise the money. You almost have to have a strong football program to have a strong overall program."

The 1982-83 all-sports standings reflect the statement. Nebraska used its Big Eight football championship as the catalyst for a 52½-point total. Oklahoma, last year's narrow winner in the men's all-sports standings,

didn't win a league title in any men's sports. But the Sooners had enough overall balance to match the Huskers' 52½-point production.

Two conference track championships, combined with repeat NU volleyball and gymnastics titles and a surprising Husker golf crown, gave Nebraska a 48 2/3 to 43 1/6-point margin over Oklahoma in the women's all-sports standings.

In the combined race, Nebraska reigned supreme for a third consecutive year. The Huskers held a six-point cushion over the run-rup Sooners, 101 2/3 to 95 2/3.

"It was another banner year," Devaney said. "The men (gymnastics) and the women (indoor track) both had a national championship team."

The women also tied their own Big Eight record with five championships and the men, Devaney said, "are keeping some things going that are important to keep going."

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gymnastics title and fourth consecutive Big Eight men's swimming title.

"Without track, there wouldn't be any questions about us having the best men's program in the conference," Devaney said.

Huskers Illustrated continues to count cross country, indoor track and outdoor track as one sport in the all-sports standings. Although that appeases Devaney because he considers it a more accurate gauge of a school's all-around program, he admits he is still disappointed by Nebraska's last-place conference finish in men's indoor track, seventh-place finish in men's cross country and sixth-place finish in men's outdoor track.

"I've finally accepted the fact that people are going to count minor sports just as heavily as they count the major sports," Devaney said. "At least track gets averaged out and only hits you once instead of three times. That's much more logical and doesn't hurt us as much as it would otherwise. But I still want to see some improvement."

Devaney believes he will see some improvement sometime soon with the hiring of Gary Pepin to direct both the men's and the women's track and cross country programs.

"He's done an outstanding job of recruiting women athletes," Devaney said of Pepin. "I think he'll do the same thing for the men. He's a go-getter. He's not going to sit around and hope something happens. He's the type who will go out and try to make it happen."

Even though Pepin agrees with Devaney's assessment, he doesn't know how immediate his impact will be.

"I haven't even thought of a timetable," he said. "I've been too busy. This is a double-duty job. We're really behind the eight-ball in recruiting. We were short of personnel in the first place, then got off to a horrendous start with the men."

Pepin realizes "it's going to be a lot different with the men than the women because you're battling more tradition and more established programs."

Following what could be a national trend set by UTEP and Alabama, Nebraska's first combined head track coach hopes to restore the Huskers' status in a league he admits is losing ground fast.

"At one time, the Big Eight was the second best track conference in the country," Pepin acknowledged. "But we've dropped. The Southwest and the Southeast have both come up and moved ahead of us. With the Pac 10 and the Big 10, I don't know where that leaves the Big Eight."

Pepin has a theory. "Look at the scores in the NCAA meet," he said. "It's getting tough to find schools above the Sun Belt. There are some, but not many."

Gary Pepin is competitive enough to want to rewrite the script, but he's also realistic enough to have a systematic plan. "It'd be very easy to panic and just go out and grab athletes," he said.

"But," he added, "you have to be very careful not to tie up all your scholarships with people who may not be in the best long-range interests of the program. We haven't had a lot of top-of-the-conference track performances by our men athletes. Our first job is to gain some respect back at the conference level, then move beyond that level."

Pepin is determined not to let one program prosper, or suffer, at the expense of the other. "I look at the University of Nebraska track program as one program...period," he said. "I want both programs to do equally well. If this (the dual coaching assignment) doesn't turn out to be the best situation for both programs, then I don't want it."

Nebraska is fortunate to have a unified approach in all sports. There is a definite "pull for the other guy" philosophy throughout the program, even if some of the praise comes in through the back door.

NU men's swimming coach Cal Bentz may have his team floating at the top of the conference, but he still takes his hat off to Bob Fehrs, whose Husker wrestlers continue to climb the national ladder with a sixth-place finish in the NCAA this past season.

"I told Bob I'm too old for that," Bentz said. "I can't keep up with the kind of standards he's setting."

Husker gymnastics coach Francis Allen was thrilled to send his age-group gymnasts out for halftime performances in front of capacity crowds during Nebraska's drive to the NIT Final Four.

"Moe Iba is definitely my favorite NIT basketball coach," Allen said. "He got people so excited that if we hadn't won in Penn State after they didn't win in New York, we might have seen a lynch mob when we got home. Lincoln loves winners and the more we have, the better it is for everyone."

Some of the most surprising coaching performances this past season were not turned in by the bigger names on the Husker staff.

"I hardly know our tennis coach," Devaney said of Kerry McDermott. "But he wanted to quit a year ago, then changed his mind and wanted to come back and try again. He did pretty well this year, too."

The Husker netters finished third in the Big Eight. "We were competitive in almost everything," Devaney said. "We were a little disappointed in the baseball finish (fifth). We have a better baseball team than that."

NU Coach John Sanders agreed. "We weren't happy with our Big Eight regular-season record," he said. "We rectified the



situation to a degree at the Big Eight Tournament.

"To me, the end is the key," Sanders said. "It's unfortunate the conference finish for the all-sports standings aren't based on the tournament because it decides the Big Eight champion, not the regular season. I wish someone would be consistent."

"I don't want this to sound like Excuse City," Sanders said. "But we beat Missouri in the playoffs and we had a crucial four-game regular-season series with Missouri rained out

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Big Eight Championships are represented by, from left, front row, Kim Grabowski, gymnastics, and Shelly Godeken, golf; rear, Merlene Ottey, indoor and outdoor track; Kevin Weires, swimming; Mike Rozier, football; Phil Cahoy, gymnastics, and Erin Dean, volleyball.

College football got its glamour opener when Nebraska and Penn State signed up for the inaugural Kickoff Classic at the Meadowlands Sports Complex in East Rutherford, N.J., Aug. 29.

There will be no other games to dilute the impact of the season's debut that Monday night. It will be nationally televised. It will benefit a noble cause, the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame.

It will pit the defending national champion, Penn State, against a team drawing heavy support as the preseason favorite, Nebraska. The spring addition to the schedule will prolong a four-game series that ended last year at 2-2. It will be a rematch of what many regarded as college football's most exciting, and controversial, game last year. Each team came from behind twice in the final 1:18, and Penn State won, 27-24, at :04. It will match two of the princes of the business, Tom Osborne and Joe Paterno.

The winner will emerge as the favorite for the national title. All the elements of glamour are present. Uncommon attention will be focused on that one game.

There was some early discussion that it wouldn't be counted as an "official" game, that it wouldn't go into the record books and its numbers wouldn't be included in the NCAA's season statistics.

"It won't be an exhibition game; it's serious business," Husker Coach Osborne said. "I guess if you win, you count it and if you lose, it won't count," he quipped.

Osborne fully realizes that first game will start the national championship drums beating prematurely. But national championships are elusive; he is still looking for his first while heading into his 11th season at the NU helm. The Big Eight championship is the more immediate target.

"Very few people want to be No. 1 at the start. Everybody wants to be No. 1 at the end," Osborne said. "Usually, those early-season ratings are based on name recognition, and, of course, name recognition centers on skilled players on offense. We'll probably have as good as any skilled players in the country, so I can understand the rating when you look at Turner Gill and Mike Rozier and Jeff Smith and Irving Fryar.

"But we only have eight starters returning. I'd be a lot more certain of what we have if we had 18 starters back.

"The bad thing about being rated No. 1 at the start is that it raises people's hopes so high and it puts a little more heat on you. But we're going to have that anyway. The good thing about it is, if you win all your games, it's hard for anybody to take it away from you.

"I realize that the first game has a bearing on the national championship, but it's harder to set the national championship as a specific goal because you can't control that. It's based on votes, the schedule, when you lose.

"With the Big Eight championship, you're in direct control of your own destiny. The main objective is to win the Big Eight."

The Kickoff Classic will be important, Osborne said, because "We think we can be good, but that game will tell us more than anything we could do. The form chart, though, will be more non-existent than usual."

Not so in the Big Eight. The championship has gone to Nebraska or Oklahoma in 23 of the last 25 seasons. The Cornhuskers have swept through the last two unbeaten. The Huskers Illustrated

crystal ball says the pattern will remain unbroken — Nebraska, Oklahoma and the rest.

Four times in the last five years, the Huskers and Sooners have finished one-two in the nation in rushing offense. They were two-three in 1979. The rushing barometer normally determines the finish. Passing has become more predominant among the lesser six.

The Big Eight forecast from here, with last year's record in parentheses:

1 — Nebraska (12-1). The Huskers have the fewest returning starters in the Big Eight, but when a major worry is said to be the offensive line, Husker watchers tend to relax. Move up the next wave.

2 — Oklahoma (8-4). The Sooners are more familiar with the intricacies of the I-formation. Marcus Dupree and the line are no doubt well qualified, but the Sooners still need a passer for a total package. The defense, with Ricky Bryan and Jackie Shipp dominant, will improve with nine starters, but Nebraska gets the nod because of a proven winner at quarterback.

3 — Kansas (2-7-2). Mike Gottfried is new as the coach, but the rest

of the Jayhawks are familiar. Nineteen starters are most in the Big Eight, including the entire offense. Defense and turnovers killed KU last year, and both figure to improve. Frank Seurer, the No. 7 all-time passer in the Big Eight, will throw the ball all over the lot.

4 — Oklahoma State (4-5-2). The defense was eroded by graduation, but Jimmy Johnson has an uncommon luxury with 42 players coming off redshirt seasons. And he still has NCAA leading rusher Ernest Anderson (1,877 yards) and Larry Roach, who has 34 field goals in two seasons.

5 — Missouri (5-4-2). The Big Eight's mystery team has some good genes in Conrad Goode and Bobby

Bell, whose fathers were great pros, and the most experienced offensive line in the league. Scrambling walkon Marlon Adler will excite at quarterback, but there is no game-breaker in the backfield.

6 — Iowa State (4-6-1). It will be up to new Coach Jim Criner to end a run of late-season swoons. The offense, with David Archer as the No. 2 passer in the Big Eight last year, and Tommy Davis, the No. 5 rusher, will have to carry the defense, which has only four back from the league's stingiest unit.

7 — Kansas State (7-4-1). Jimmy Dickey's famed redshirt move paid off with a bowl game last year and earned him the Big Eight Coach of the Year award. The Wildcats won't be destitute with 45 lettermen and Reggie Singletary back in the defensive line, but they will sorely miss four-year quarterback Darrell Dickey.

8 — Colorado (2-8-1). The Buffs have a few good men and will be fun to watch on offense with the rugby attack. Their defense also will be fun for enemy offenses.

The Huskers get little advantage from the schedule this year. Nebraska must meet Oklahoma at Norman (where they won by a whopping 37-14 margin two years ago), Missouri at Columbia and Oklahoma State at Stillwater. The only one of the top contenders for first-division spots NU meets at home is Kansas.

Oklahoma goes on the road for games at Oklahoma State and Missouri, but has the other two contenders at home. Kansas must travel to both OU and Nebraska, while the Tigers' only road date is at Kansas.

Following is a complete preview of the Big Eight in 1983.

Nation's Eyes Will Focus On NU-PSU

But Osborne's Huskers will
downplay national title talk and
concentrate on controlling their
own destiny in the Big Eight.

BIG EIGHT

A photograph of a football game in progress. In the foreground, a player in a red jersey with the number 45 is being tackled by a player in a white jersey with the number 45. Other players in white jerseys are visible in the background, some with numbers like 16 and 19. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators in a stadium.

PREVIEW

COLORADO

COLORADO BUFFALOES

HEAD COACH: Bill McCartney, second season (2-8-1 overall, 1-5-1 in Big Eight)

1982 RECORD: 2 wins, 8 losses, 1 tie overall (1-5-1, tie for 6th place in Big Eight)

OFFENSIVE STARTERS: (12) Randy Hugin, 6-4, 261, Sr. T; Vince Rafferty, 6-4, 245, Sr. G; Steve Heron, 6-3, 215, Sr. C; Eric Coyle, 6-2, 253, So. G; John Furr, 6-2, 263, Sr. T; Dave Hestera, 6-3, 230, Sr. TE; Steve Vogel, 6-4, 199, Jr. QB; Chris McLeMore, 6-2, 213, So. HB; Lee Rouson, 6-2, 216, Jr. FB; Donnie Holmes, 5-10, 165, Sr. WB; Calvin Beaty, 6-2, 250, Sr. G; Guy Egging, 5-11, 205, Sr. FB; Tom Field, 5-11, 178, Sr. K

DEFENSIVE STARTERS: (9) Mike Sylvester, 6-4, 260, Sr. T; Terry Irvin, 6-2, 212, Sr. LB; Barry Remington, 6-3, 219, So. LB; Jeff Donaldson, 6-1, 192, Sr. SS; Victor Scott, 6-0, 195, Sr. CB; George Smith, 6-4, 263, Jr. T; Sandy Armstrong, 6-2, 233, Sr. LB; Donald Muncie, 6-2, 227, Jr. NG; Clyde Riggin, 5-11, 183, Sr. CB.



Bill McCartney



Dave Hestera

Officially, Bill McCartney's first season as head football coach at the University of Colorado was 1982. That's what his personal record will always show. But for all practical purposes, the former Michigan assistant will begin his tenure in Boulder this fall. And he and the Buffaloes could be ready to surprise a few folks.

In the spring of 1982 McCartney was not even close to Colorado. It was the sudden resignation of Chuck Fairbanks that left the vacancy filled by the former Missouri football player only 94 days before the start of the new season.

With no more time to prepare for a rugged schedule than that, and setbacks like the academic loss of Walter Stanley, it was little wonder that McCartney suffered through a 2-8-1 maiden season. The only wins were at the expense of Washington State (12-0 in week No. 2) and Kansas (28-3) after the Jayhawks gave up the ghost down the stretch.

But there were signs that McCartney had his club headed in the right direction. The Buffs played Nebraska and Oklahoma tough through three quarters before finally being put away. And they fought back for a thrilling 25-25 tie at Oklahoma State that helped mar the Cowboys' season.

One of the big problems Colorado faced last season was a smallish offensive line (certainly a strange problem for a school which consistently topped the Big Eight in massive linemen) that simply wore down late in most games. Center Steve Heron, for instance, was only 6-foot-2, 209 pounds! Only one starter on the final 1982 depth chart along the offensive front weighed more than 245 pounds.

It was obvious this spring that the Buffs have been working in the weight room. Heron was listed this spring at 6-3, 215. Three of his mates were 260 or better.

And McCartney welcomed back Stanley, who was the Big Eight's leader in all-purpose running in 1981 before his grade problems.

But it wasn't all good news this spring. Quarterback Randy Essington, who WAS the Colorado

offense a year ago (1,121 yards passing), had to end his career prematurely due to a blood disorder (Von Willebrand's disease), leaving the quarterbacking job wide open all spring.

Steve Vogel, highly touted when he came out of high school three years ago, won the starting job with a good showing. The 6-4, 199 junior, completed 36 of 64 passes for 438 yards in scrimmage action. "Steve Vogel played well this spring," said McCartney. "He is going to surprise some people. I don't have any hesitation saying that to you. We're going to get good quarterback play next year. Just remember where you heard it."

Vogel is backed up by redshirt Derek Marshall and Craig Keenan. The bigger, stronger line should take some of the pressure off him. Last year the Buffs couldn't run. So they threw a lot. This year, if spring is any indication, they'll run a lot more.

Lee Rouson, who made such a remarkable debut in the Big Eight as a freshman two years ago following the fatal illness of Derek Singleton, moved to fullback this spring at his request. He averaged 7.6 yards a carry and had 100 yards in the spring finale — a 42-0 rout of the Alumni. Those 100 yards came in only eight carries.

In addition, the 6-2, 216-pounder led the team in receptions this spring with 16 and in touchdowns with eight. His move to fullback enabled Chris McLeMore to move to tailback, but the 6-2, 213 sophomore missed most of spring drills with a pulled hamstring. Junior college transfer Darryl Johnson (5-9, 180) took advantage of the opportunity to gain 240 yards for a 5.3 average.

How long Rouson stays at fullback depends on how well McLeMore plays when the bell rings and how fast heralded recruit Eric McCarty (6-2, 235) makes the adjustment to college football. Guy Egging (5-11, 205 senior) provides depth at fullback and had a good spring.

One of the positions Colorado has traditionally had a great athlete at is wingback. With the return of Stanley, the Buffs are back in the wingback business. The 5-10, 181 junior has the speed to



Victor Scott

Bigger Buffs Could Surprise

break any kind of a pass or reverse for a touchdown. He's also one of the country's most dangerous kick returners.

While McCartney was certainly happy to see an eligible Stanley this spring, he was unhappy about the absence of tight end Dave Hestera, the 6-3, 227 senior who is the leading candidate for All-Big Eight honors this fall. Hestera missed the spring workouts due to rehabilitation from shoulder surgery. In his place, Dave Alderson was moved from outside linebacker. He and Tom Polich got most of the work, but Hestera should be back in the fall.

At split end Loy Alexander returned to action after missing last season due to problems following a knee injury in spring practice of 1982. He should be the No. 1 man at the other wide-out.

While the skill positions appear to be about as solid as those anywhere in the Big Eight (if, indeed, Vogel is ready for that big year), the Buffaloes are still keeping their fingers crossed on the offensive line.

Heron might be bigger, but he's still only 215. And Vince Rafferty, a 6-4, 245 senior who had been boomed for all-star honors as an offensive guard, has been moved to defense to shore up some major weaknesses there.

Randy Hogbin (6-4, 261) is back at one tackle, with John Firm returning at the other. Firm, 6-2, 268, did not play this spring.

Eric Coyle (6-2, 253), who started last year as a freshman, returns at right guard, with 6-2, 260 junior Shaun Beard moving in for Rafferty.

"Our offensive line has displayed more ability to control the line of scrimmage," McCartney said. "We will have a more balanced offensive attack this year because of that. I think we will be able to run the ball much more effectively this fall than we did a year ago."

The only other starter from the final two-deep on offense last year is Donnie Holmes, a 5-10, 189 senior who has been moved from wingback to split end.

Defensively, the experience is limited to linebackers and the secondary. All three starters up front were seniors last year. So were two of the four linebackers.

Calvin Beaty (6-2, 250), a starter at offensive guard who was injured last year, has been switched to nose guard. He and Don Muncie (6-2, 227) have fought it out for that job. George Smith, one of four different starters at nose guard a year ago, is in the picture there, too.

At linebacker, McCartney's concern turned into optimism after the spring play of Sandy Armstrong and Barry Remington. Armstrong, another of those four nose guard starters a year ago, has seemingly found a home at inside linebacker. The 6-2, 233 senior has fully recovered from knee surgery. The other inside spot is in the good hands of sophomore Remington (6-3, 219), who had a 15-tackle performance against Kansas State and two interceptions in his first start (Kansas) last year as a freshman.

Terry Irvin, a starter at outside linebacker last fall, is back, and the 6-2, 212 senior is an intelligent player. Wayne Carroll, 6-3, 200 junior, was a back-up last year, but earned a starting job this spring.

Where the Buffs really like to brag on defense, however, is in the backfield.

Victor Scott (6-0, 195 senior) was All-Big Eight at cornerback last fall and appears to be another in a long line of standout CU defensive backs. Jeff Donaldson (6-0, 198 senior) is a three-year regular, like Scott and corner Clyde Riggins, at strong safety.

The weak safety job went this spring to sophomore Conley Smith (6-2, 195) in the early going, but junior Kent Davis (6-3, 196) made the switch from starting split end to safety so well that he wound up No. 1 there.

Placement chores will once again be handled by Tom Field, a 5-11, 178 senior who hit 14 of 20 field goals and was perfect on 14 extra point tries.

"The best single thing that's happened since I've been here," claimed McCartney, "is this spring. And the best thing about the spring has been the morale and attitude. The kids came wanting to make improvement, and we have made improvement."

"I guarantee you this: every player will report in better shape next fall than a year ago. We weren't ready to make a run at anyone then. Football is a year-round sport today. The biggest change to come about in recent years has been the individual development of players. We were behind, but we're catching up."

McCartney will get a chance to find out just how far his team has come in a hurry. The Buffs open at Michigan State, then return home to meet Colorado State, Oregon State, Notre Dame and Missouri on four consecutive Saturdays. But they face both Nebraska and Oklahoma on the road, as well as Iowa State and Kansas — two teams they probably can't beat and two they have a good shot at.



Walter Stanley

IOWA STATE



Jim Criner

IOWA STATE CYCLONES

HEAD COACH: Jim Criner, first season (59-21-1 in seven years at Boise State, no record in Big Eight)

1982 RECORD: 4 wins, 6 losses, 1 tie overall (1-5-1, tie for 6th place in Big Eight)

OFFENSIVE STARTERS: (5) Benn Musgrave, 6-6, 261, Sr. T; Bruce Reimers, 6-7, 273, Sr. G; Michael Wade, 5-10, 187, Sr. SE; David Archer, 6-2, 200, Sr. QB; Tommy Davis, 5-9, 199, Jr. TB

DEFENSIVE STARTERS: (5) Rodney Hutchins, 6-2, 215, Sr. LB; Chris Washington, 6-4, 219, Sr. LB; Alvin Baker, 6-1, 186, Sr. CB; George Walker, 6-3, 208, Jr. SS; Kelly Goodburn, 6-3, 203, Jr. P



David Archer

The script has become all too familiar for Iowa State football fans. Too familiar and too painful. Look great in September, stir up hopes for a bowl game and a first-division finish in the Big Eight Conference. Whip cross-state rival Iowa. Scare the heck out of Oklahoma. And then forget how to score and how to win.

Donnie Duncan relived that script every year he was at the ISU helm. After last year's team went from a 4-2-1 start (the only losses by 10 points to Oklahoma and by a pair to Tennessee) to a 4-6-1 finish, Duncan tossed in the towel. Jim Criner caught it on the way down. Cyclone fans hope Criner is a good re-write man.

Criner is a 42-year-old veteran of the coaching wars who took Boise State (Idaho) to four Big Sky Conference championships and the national NCAA Division 1AA championship in his seven years there. Three of his last four teams won 10 games. His 1980 club won it all in Division 1AA.

But he has also served as an assistant coach at UCLA, BYU and California, among others. He brings a 59-21-1 career coaching log with him to Ames.

What Criner found at Ames was not quite so appealing as what he brought with him in the way of records, however. That club which collapsed at the end of the 1982 season graduated all but five starters on offense and four on defense.

While ISU had the best defense statistically in the Big Eight in '82, they lost all up front and half their secondary. But Criner should enjoy coaching linebacker Chris Washington, a 6-foot-4, 219-pound senior from Chicago who led the league in individual tackles last year from his spot in the middle of that 4-3 defense.

While Washington has a good shot at all-conference honors this fall (only Oklahoma's first-teamer Jackie Shipp returns from the top five honorees along with Washington, who was second-team), he'll have to carry more than his load.

Rodney Hutchins (6-2, 215 senior) is back at an

outside linebacker post and Alvin Baker (6-1, 186 senior) and George Walker (6-3, 208 junior) return at cornerback and strong safety, respectively. Other than those, there will be a lot of new faces on defense.

Hutchins started the first two games at OLB last fall, then was sidelined by a knee injury. Lester Williams filled in there the rest of the year, and the 6-2, 222-pounder played well enough that he'll start on the side opposite Hutchins this fall.

In the new odd-man front, Barry Moore (6-4, 255 junior) wound up in the spring as the nose guard, with Steve Little (6-4, 267 junior) switching over to tackle. Another junior, Roger Youngblut (6-5, 233), held off letterman Jeff Lambert (6-7, 220) at the other tackle.

Doug Fischer (6-0, 216) started at linebacker two years ago, and has recaptured his old job alongside Washington in the middle, although he received a stern battle from Dwayne Gilyard (6-2, 222) this spring. Both should play a great deal.

The Cyclones recruited heavily in the secondary to help Baker and Walker. But at the end of spring drills, Billy McCue (5-11, 186 junior) had the other corner job and Scott Williams (6-2, 181 junior) was tops at free safety.

A big assist for the defense should be the punting of juniors Kelly Goodburn and Doug Myers. Goodburn averaged 39.9 yards a kick last year before going down with a knee injury. Walk-on Myers stepped in and averaged 42.7 down the stretch, including an 80-yarder.

Iowa State is well stocked in talent and experience at the skill positions on offense, but the cupboard is nearly bare everywhere else.

David Archer, a highly regarded junior college quarterback, stepped in and threw for 1,466 yards (125 of 244) last fall. He was intercepted 13 times and threw for five touchdowns. Michael Wade caught 13 of those passes and is back at split end, but came up short in his competition with red-shirt freshman Curtis Levingston (5-9, 138) of Kansas City this spring.



Tommy Davis

Criner, Cyclones Rebuilding

The youth movement continues at flanker, where Tracy Henderson (6-0, 181 soph) held off the challenge of frosh Robbie Minor (6-0, 178). Senior Jim Knuth did not finish the spring on the depth chart at tight end due to injuries, but Dave Smoldt (6-4, 240) and Brett Blaney (6-6, 241) are both juniors with plenty of experience.

Like Wade, Tommy Davis started last fall, but lost his job this spring. Davis (5-9, 199 junior) led ISU in rushing last year with 832 yards. But King Green (6-0, 202) had a great spring. The competition there should help.

Senior Jason Jacobs (6-1, 228) shared playing time at fullback last season and played well in the spring.

But the offensive line is relying upon a lot of help from youngsters and juco transfers. Only Benn Musgrave (6-6, 261 senior tackle) and Bruce Reimers (6-7, 273 senior guard) return from last year's starting line.

Chuck Meyers (6-2, 260), who was red-shirted a year ago, prevailed this spring at center over freshman Todd Krieger (6-4, 264), and provides some valuable experience in the middle. The right side of the line should be held down by senior Scott Nelson (6-5, 269) at guard and Dan Martin (6-5, 274 senior) at tackle. But sophomores and second-year frosh hold down all of the back-up positions on the line.

Iowa State will sorely miss place kicker Alex Giffords, who holds the Big Eight record for most field goals in a career. Marc Bachrodt, a sophomore, held the upper foot over juco transfer John Arnett during the spring.

Criner admitted that the spring was full of experiments. "Everything we did this spring was an experiment," he said. "We used the early part of spring as an evaluation period for individuals, then went full speed with implementing our systems.

"On offense, we will try to have a balanced attack with a lot of play-action passes. We want our running and passing games to complement each other. We'll use the varied three-man front on defense instead of the 4-3 they've been using here, and we'll be stunting our linebackers a lot. I believe our defense can help the offense by coming up with big plays. I don't want to say we'll gamble a lot, but we'll take some chances in an effort to make things happen."

Duncan, a former assistant coach at Oklahoma, made things happen while he was at ISU. The Cyclones, after a 3-8 campaign his first season, played well enough to bring record crowds in during the 1981

season and create a real stir of excitement in the state.

In 1980 Iowa State opened with five straight wins, including a 10-7 victory over Iowa. Then came a 28-17 loss at Kansas which started a five-game losing skid through the Big Eight. It took a 23-21 squeaker over Oklahoma State in the season finale to save a winning mark of 6-5.

The following season was more of the same. Iowa State charged out of the chute by winning three in a row and losing only one of its first seven. That included a 7-7 tie at Oklahoma which could have easily been a Cyclone victory. But Duncan's squad dropped its last four games, scoring only 32 points in those four defeats.

That 2-12 record in his four Novembers at Ames was Duncan's undoing. In September, the Cyclones were 8-1 the past three seasons. Fanning the flames of hope led to even more bitter disappointments for Duncan, his players and the ISU fans.

Winning in September could even be a problem for Criner this fall. His first Iowa State team opens with the first of seven home games on the season, but it's against an Iowa team which many feel will finish in the Top 10 in the nation. The Cyclones must then go to Vanderbilt, where the Commodores have undergone a revitalization program. Home dates the following two weeks against Colorado State and New Mexico State wrap up the non-conference portion of the season and should give ISU a chance to gain some confidence going into the Big Eight chase.

Just how well Criner does in his first league race should be known early. Iowa State meets both Kansas and Colorado on its own home turf the first two weeks of conference play. If they fail to defeat either of those two,

the Cyclones are almost certainly doomed to a cellar finish. They must play Nebraska, Oklahoma and Kansas State on the road. And, even though they have Missouri and Oklahoma State at home, those teams appear to be a cut above ISU in pre-season evaluations.

Criner has never had a losing record in his seven years as head coach at Boise State. The 5-5-1 mark his first year was his worst. But he may be pushed to the limit to keep that string alive.

"I believe very strongly that you win games with offense, but you win championships with defense," the native of Lurton, Arkansas said. "Our number one goal will be to win the conference championship and go to a bowl game every year."



Chris Washington

KANSAS



Mike Gottfried

KANSAS JAYHAWKS

HEAD COACH: Mike Gottfried, first season (34-21-1 overall at Murray State in 1978-80 and Cincinnati in 1981-82).

1982 RECORD: 2 wins, 7 losses, 2 ties overall (1-5-1, tied for sixth place in Big Eight).

OFFENSIVE STARTERS: (13) Bob Johnson, 6-1, 180, Sr. SE; Sylvester Byrd, 6-3, 215, Jr. TE; Renwick Atkins, 6-5, 255, Sr. T; K.C. Brown, 6-6, 260, Sr. G; Bennie Simecka, 6-4, 265, Jr. C; Paul Fairchild, 6-4, 257, Sr. G; Reggie Smith, 6-4, 260, Sr. T; Darren Green, 5-10, 170, Sr. WR; Frank Seurer, 6-2, 195, Sr. QB; Dino Bell, 5-9, 178, Jr. TB; E.J. Jones, 6-1, 210, Sr. FB; Kerwin Bell, 5-9, 205, Sr. TB; Bruce Kallmeyer, 5-10, 180, Sr. K.

DEFENSIVE STARTERS: (8) Marky Alexander, 6-3, 220, Sr. E; Carky Alexander, 6-3, 220, Sr. E; Eddie Simmons, 6-2, 205, Sr. LB; Mike Arbanas, 6-4, 220, Sr. LB; Rodney Madden, 6-1, 185, Sr. CB; Rod Demeritte, 5-10, 160, Jr. CB; Jeff Brown, 5-11, 178, Jr. LB; Steve Nave, 6-2, 225, So. NG.



Kerwin Bell

Don Fambrough had just completed the first year of his second go-around as head coach at the University of Kansas. Despite a rather unglamorous 3-8 season, he and top assistant John Hadl swept the recruiting trails from coast-to-coast and signed "what is believed to be the best group of football prospects in the school's history."

So said the 1980 Kansas football media guide. Indeed, several others with no KU ties said much the same thing.

Consider these freshmen of 1980: Kerwin Bell, Frank Seurer, Mike Arbanas, Carky and Marky Alexander, Renwick Atkins, K.C. Brown, Kerry Bruno, Scott Connors, E.J. Jones, Bruce Kallmeyer, Bill Malavasi and Marc Messner.

The Jayhawks went up against the nation's elite in many of those recruiting battles. The price they paid to win may have proven a bit high in the light of recent NCAA sanctions against the school.

Fambrough is gone now. Hadl left a year earlier. Most of those freshmen are now senior starters. Their careers at Kansas have been filled with frustrations and heartbreak. There have been no Big Eight championships; few weeks in the nation's Top 20. In fact, there have been only 14 victories in 34 tries. Eight of those came in 1981, when KU went to the Hall of Fame Bowl with an 8-3 record and lost to Mississippi State.

At that time, it looked as though the Jays were right where Fambrough had hoped they would be. Then came a season-opening loss to Wichita State in 1982. The nose dive which followed was a nightmare for Kansas coaches, players and fans. Last year's 2-7-2 record — with Bell sidelined by eligibility problems and Seurer by injury much of the time — was enough to chase Fambrough, sour all of that optimism of 1980 and bring on new coach Mike Gottfried into a situation which is totally unpredictable.

Kansas returns 14 starters on offense, including the 11 who finished last season, plus Mike Frederick (who replaced Seurer the last part of last

year), Kerwin Bell (who missed time because of injuries and NCAA penalties) and Kallmeyer.

But the Jays returned 11 starters on offense in 1982 and scored two touchdowns or less in eight of 11 games. Fambrough, the Big Eight Coach of the Year in 1981, is gone in 1983.

Gottfried actually steps into a situation which could be very good. After 2-7-2 in '82, few experts are giving the Jays much of a chance of turning things around in '83. Once burned, lesson learned. That sort of thing. Those returning starters are the same guys who lost to Wichita State, Tulsa, Kansas State, Colorado, Missouri, Nebraska (0-52) and Oklahoma (14-38). And tied Kentucky and Oklahoma State. Many of them are the same ones who went 8-3 the year before, however.

Bell may be the key. Bell, and what Gottfried is able to do with a defense which at times last year was absolutely horrible.

A prep All-American out of Huntington Beach, Ca., Bell turned down bids from USC, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Texas, UCLA and others to come to Lawrence. He had a sensational freshman year, setting the Big Eight rookie record with 1,156 yards. Knee surgery cut short his sophomore year, and KU thought they had a hardship ruling for the 5-foot-9, 195-pounder. Instead, an NCAA penalty cost him a year and kept him out of three games last fall.

Brother Dino Bell was the No. 1 tailback heading into spring practice, but Kerwin staged an eye-opening effort the final 10 days of the spring to emerge as the first-teamer. With sophomore Dave Geroux, another prep All-American, the Jays have plenty of talent at tailback.

Seurer is back for his final year at quarterback. Like Kerwin Bell, he has yet to realize all of the lofty goals and predictions of three years ago. The 6-2, 195 Huntington Beach product passed for 797 yards as a freshman and 1,199 as a soph. But he threw for 11 interceptions each year and a total of only nine touchdowns. Last year he threw for 1,625 before being sidelined by a shoulder injury in



K.C. Brown

Jays Remain Mystery Team

the loss to OU.

The two gems in the '80 recruiting class are surrounded by last year's starters. Jones (6-1, 210) is back at fullback. Darren Green (5-10, 170) and Bob Johnson (6-1, 180) are at the wide-outs. Sylvester Byrd (only a junior) is at tight end. More than adequate receivers, but not in the class with some KU has produced.

Kallmeyer has hit on 29 of 39 career field goal attempts and 48 of 51 extra point tries. He's well ahead of the Big Eight field goal percentage record (his 74.3 compared to the career record of 63). He and John Brunet have been vying for the punting job vacated by Bucky Scribner.

The interior line is headed by Brown, a 6-6, 250 guard who can be as good as any in the Big Eight at times. Atkins (6-5, 255) plays alongside K.C. on the left side, with Paul Fairchild (6-4, 257 and a hardship ruling recipient) and Reggie Smith (6-4, 260) on the right. Bennie Simecka (6-4, 265 and a junior) is at center.

While Gottfried, who came to KU from Cincinnati, was pleased with the play of his offense this spring, there was still reason to worry about a defense which is trying to learn a new wide tackle six alignment.

Arbanas (6-4, 220) and Simmons (6-2, 205) are good, solid linebackers inside. But the middle of the line and the secondary are still regarded as problem areas.

Trying to hold down the middle of that new defense are juco transfer Kenny Davis (6-3, 265 and regarded as one of the nation's best last year) on the left side and a host of youngsters on the right, including redshirt frosh Dan Vierley. Also getting a look are the likes of Ken Powers (6-6, 242), Walter Parrish (6-0, 245), Phil Harbour (6-7, 277) and Steve Nave (6-2, 225), the latter a starter at times last season.

One of the most positive aspects of spring practice was the move of cornerbacks Elvis Patterson (5-10, 190) and Willie Pless (6-0, 210) to defensive end. Twins Carky and Marky Alexander (6-3, 220) are also very effective on the outside.

Neither Jeff Brown (5-11, 178) nor Rod Demeritte (5-10, 160) were able to regain starting jobs they held part of last season at linebacker and cornerback, respectively. So Kansas should have good depth at those positions. Elvis Patterson (5-10, 190) held forth at one corner, while Rodney Madden (6-1, 185) returns as a starter at the other.

But the Jayhawks will be very short of experience at the safeties — a

weakness you don't want to have in the Big Eight Conference. Sophomores Steve Hobbs (6-0, 180) and Travis Hardy (6-1, 190) were the leaders there this spring, backed up by sophomores Tony Berry (6-1, 175) and Doyle Spears (6-3, 205). That's a lot of youth at those critical positions, although the wide tackle six will put more of the pressure on the front liners.

Gottfried, who served as an assistant coach at Morehead State, Youngstown State, Cincinnati and Arizona before his head coaching career began in 1978 at Murray State, knew that there would be some problems this spring in putting in the new defensive scheme. Overall,

however, he felt satisfied with most of the experiments dealing with personnel shifts.

As for the offensive philosophy, the skill position players should be happy.

"We are going to be a wide-open offensive football team and throw the ball all over the lot," said Gottfried. "At least, that's the plan. The plus of this offense is the people we have returning with experience. But the minus is that they will have to learn a new system. How quickly they learn that system will be the key."

From a scheduling standpoint, KU will have an exceptionally rugged challenge. The opening three contests should result in a 3-0 Jayhawk start. A road date at TCU (a 30-19 victim last fall) is sandwiched around home dates with Northern Illinois and Wichita State.

But Kansas travels to Southern Cal for a homecoming of sorts for the Bell brothers, Seurer, Malavasi, Ken Major, Geroux, Broderick Thompson and Troy Seurer. All of those players are from the Southern California area. All will be anxious to make a good showing as they return home. But USC will be loaded —

again. The best thing about that part of the schedule is that Kansas has an open date the week after to lick its wounds before the start of Big Eight play at Iowa State.

At first glance, the league schedule would appear to be murderous for the Jays. But a more realistic look at it gives Gottfried and his squad a good shot at a first-division finish. Kansas must play both Oklahoma and Nebraska on the road. But a home-field advantage would probably do little good anyway.

Against the teams that count in that battle for third and fourth, KU is at home against Kansas State, Oklahoma State, Colorado and Missouri. That might be enough for the "best recruiting class."



Frank Seurer

KANSAS STATE



Jim Dickey

KANSAS STATE WILDCATS

HEAD COACH: Jim Dickey, sixth season (19-36-1 overall, 10-24-1 in Big Eight)

1982 RECORD: 6 wins, 5 losses, 1 tie overall (3-3-1, fourth place in Big Eight, lost to Wisconsin in the Independence Bowl)

OFFENSIVE STARTERS: (7) Mike Wallace, 6-2, 175, Jr. SE; Damian Johnson, 6-5, 280, Jr. T; Eric Mack, 6-3, 218, Sr. FL; Iosefatu Faeagaoano, 6-2, 210, Jr. TB; Charles Crawford, 6-1, 206, Jr. FB; Steve Willis, 6-2, 194, Jr. K; Mark Hundley, 6-4, 220, Sr. FB.

DEFENSIVE STARTERS: (5) L.E. Madison, 6-1, 225, Sr. E; Bob Daniels, 6-3, 233, Jr. T; Mark Newton, 6-3, 266, Sr. NG; Reggie Singletary, 6-2, 264, Sr. T; Scott Fulhage, 5-11, 194, Jr. P.



Mike Wallace

Kansas State jokes have always been popular among Big Eight football fans. When the word spread two summers ago that Coach Jim Dickey was going to redshirt most of his starters, there were those who felt he had had one too many Manhattans.

But there was that element of doubt...could Dickey really know what he was doing? Could all of that experience coming back in 1982 really make a difference? Perhaps even a bowl game?

Dickey did, indeed, know what he was doing. Last year's Wildcats, while certainly no Nebraska or Oklahoma, did manage a fourth-place league finish and an unofficial bowl bid before their loss to Oklahoma State. And even though they lost to Wisconsin in the Independence Bowl, it was a bowl. Kansas State's first bowl game.

It remains to be seen how much carryover benefit is gained from Dickey's maneuver. There should definitely be an improved attitude on the football squad after a 6-5-1 record and first-division league finish. But the 'Cats will not slip up on anyone this year. They've lost the surprise element. Getting up for a game in Manhattan will be a lot easier than it has been in the past.

But 13 of the starters from that cinderella team used up their eligibility. Among those was quarterback Darrell Dickey. Dad must find a new field general.

Jim Dickey must also rebuild his offensive line, his linebacking corps and his secondary. No small jobs, those.

Kansas State tried winning over a decade ago, and it wasn't popular enough to stick. Can the Wildcats of the Eighties put together back-to-back winning seasons? It will not be easy.

Defense was the hub around which KSU built its 1982 success. Defense and an offense which took advantage of opponents' mistakes and made few of its own.

Defensively, the Wildcats of 1983 have quality, but not quantity. Quality is Reggie Singletary. And L.E. Madison. Singletary has already been on

the receiving end of All-American honors. Tackle Bob Daniels also returns, as does nose guard Mark Newton.

But if those four look behind them, they won't see much in the way of experience.

Dan Ruzich and Will Cokeley have vacated the linebacking pastures, but Dickey and his staff feel that seniors Stu Peters (5-11, 206) and Bill Keeley (6-0, 202) will fit in nicely.

The secondary will have to be constructed around lettermen Ivan Pearl (5-11, 180 senior) and Nelson Nickerson (5-11, 178 junior) at the corners. Barton Hundley (5-11, 175 junior) has some game experience at free safety. Strong safety, however, is wide open. Terry Eisenhauer (6-1, 185 sophomore) had the edge going into spring practice, but was overtaken by classmate Jack Epps (6-0, 190).

All told, there were eight seniors and two juniors among the 11 starters on defense at the end of spring drills. So the maturity is there. So is a little pride and confidence. Time will tell as far as the talent goes.

Once again this fall the Wildcats should have big, strong, tough runners. Mark Hundley, who had a great sophomore year at tailback, but yielded his job to Iosefatu Faeagaoano last year, has been moved to fullback. And the 6-foot-4, 220-pound Hundley responded with a great spring. The depth at both fullback and tailback is a big plus for the 'Cats.

Hundley finished the spring ranked ahead of proven performer Charles Crawford (6-1, 206), while Faeagaoano (6-2, 210 junior) was slowed by an injury and gave youngsters like Greg Dageforde (6-0, 205 soph), James Ricketts, Carlos Adams and Maurice Pearl opportunities to show their skills. There are few teams anyone in the Big Eight will play this season with better receiving threats than K-State's Mike Wallace and Eric Mack. Wallace, a soft-handed 6-2, 175 junior, was the best split end in the league a year ago. Flanker Eric Mack (6-3, 218) can break a game open. He has to get the ball more often.



Iosefatu Faeagaoano

'Cats Enjoyed Winning

But finding someone to get the ball to those two — and to explosive James Witherspoon when he's in the lineup at flanker — could be a problem.

Senior Doug Bogue (6-1, 200) seemed the heir apparent to Darrell Dickey's job, but was injured early in the spring. Now the quarterbacking chores are up for grabs, with Bogue having to do battle this August with juniors Donnie Campbell (6-5, 212) and Stan Weber (6-2, 195). Campbell is the better passer, while Weber is the runner.

Juniors Eric Bailey (6-4, 225) and Mike Russell (6-3, 213) have not settled much in their position battle at tight end. Bailey has the edge in blocking, but Russell can catch anything that gets close to him.

Damian Johnson (6-5, 280) returns to his old job at tackle, but he looks lonesome when the Wildcats line up their experienced hands on the offensive front wall. Everyone else graduated.

But KSU will be big and formidable, even if the new Wildcats take a while getting the machine well oiled.

On the strong side with Johnson will be guard Calvin Switzer (6-2, 261), who's lettered two years. And center Jim Northcutt, a former teammate of Oklahoma's Bob Slater in high school, had a great spring. The 6-5, 244 senior has had his career plagued with injuries.

Randy Voelker (6-4, 244 junior) and Raul Villarreal (6-2, 245 soph) held the weakside tackle and guard spots, respectively, after spring drills, although the latter suffered a knee injury the final week which required surgery.

If Villarreal is unable to answer the call this fall (he's not expected to have any trouble), Jeff Koyl (6-5, 280 junior) is set to go there. All told, the line averages 262 per man and all projected starters have at least two letters. So Dickey is not as concerned as many might think.

"Our goal for this season is to make progress and to be a better team than we were this past year," said Dickey, who is in his sixth season with KSU. "But to do that will be quite a challenge. Last year winning was very important to us, and we might have slipped up on a few teams because we wanted to win more than they did. We must keep that kind of feeling again this year because with the success we had a year ago, most people will be more serious in their preparation for Kansas State.

"Even though we lost some big name starters, I think we'll be able to replace them with players who are just as good, only you might not

recognize their names."

Two names Big Eight fans should recognize are kicking specialists Steve Willis and Scott Fulhage. Willis holds the Kansas State records for career and season field goals, and he hit 29 straight extra point kicks. Fulhage, only a junior, averaged 41.3 yards a punt last year and had a 72-yarder against Missouri.

Witherspoon made his presence known as a kick returner, averaging 6.4 yards per return last season, including a 53-yarder against Missouri.

The Kansas State schedule last year had its major challenges, and the Wildcats came up short on the big ones. They had to play on the road against Arizona State, Nebraska and Oklahoma. They lost all three. The key loss of their season came at home against Oklahoma State in a battle for third place. But the 'Cats had already been assured of their bowl bid by that time, although not publicly.

This season their schedule is much more inviting. The four non-conference foes for KSU are Long Beach State, Texas Christian and Wyoming at home and Kentucky on the road. Dickey and his squad should almost be assured of a winning season if they win three or more of those.

Kansas State also has the advantage of playing both Oklahoma and Nebraska at home this fall — if, indeed, that is enough of an advantage to make a difference in the win-loss column.

On the negative side of the scheduling is the fact that the teams K-State does have a good shot at beating in the battle for the other two first-division spots will have the home field edge over the Wildcats. They must play Kansas and Missouri away from Manhattan the two weeks after an

Oct. 1 battle with OU, then go to OSU the week after an Oct. 29 game with Nebraska. Kansas State also faces Colorado on the road the final week of the season.

Consistency on offense is something KSU needs to develop to get over those big hurdles. Last fall, after scoring 96 points in their first three games (against Kentucky, South Dakota and Wichita State), the 'Cats were held to two touchdowns or less in six of their final nine games. They piled up 36 in a rout of Kansas (36-7), and routed Colorado, 33-10. The only other time they scored more than twice was in that 24-16 loss to Oklahoma State. But only Arizona State (30-7) and Nebraska (42-13) scored more than 24 against the KSU defense.



Reggie Singletary

MISSOURI



Warren Powers

MISSOURI TIGERS

HEAD COACH: Warren Powers, sixth season (36-21-2 overall, 17-16-2 in Big Eight).

1982 RECORD: 5 wins, 4 losses, 2 ties overall (2-3-2, fifth in the Big Eight).

OFFENSIVE STARTERS: (9) Craig White, 6-2, 190, Sr. SE; James Dempsey, 6-0, 248, Sr. G; Phil Greenfield, 6-1, 240, Jr. C; Bernard Laster, 6-2, 251, Sr. G; Conrad Goode, 6-6½, 265, Sr. T; Marlon Adler, 6-0, 180, Jr. QB; Brad Perry, 6-2, 204, Sr. QB; Santio Barbosa, 6-0, 190, So. RB

DEFENSIVE STARTERS: (5) Bobby Bell, 6-3, 202, Sr. E; Taft Sales, 6-2, 217, Sr. E; Tracey Mack, 6-0, 212, Jr. LB; Jay Wilson, 6-4, 216, Sr. LB; Jeff Smith, 5-11, 192, Jr. CB.



Bobby Bell

Missouri and Kansas State were the surprise teams of the Big Eight Conference last year. For Wildcat fans, the surprise was a pleasant one. For Missouri Tiger fans, well...

The Bengals had Nebraska all but beaten in Lincoln, finally allowing the Huskers to rally for a 23-19 win. Iowa State tied Mizzou in Columbia, 17-17. Surprise!

Coach Warren Powers' team blasted Colorado, 35-14, and played Texas to a standoff defensively, although losing a 21-0 decision in Austin. But Oklahoma State rambled to a 30-20 victory in Stillwater to doom the Tigers to a second-division finish in the Big Eight. Surprise!

In Powers' first four years at the Missouri helm, he took his teams to four bowls. Last year the Bengals were a dismal 5-4-2 and won only two games in the Big Eight to finish fifth. It could have been worse. Their first two conference games were ties against Kansas State (7-7) and Iowa State. If either of those ties had been converted to defeats, Missouri would have finished in a tie for last.

So here it is, a new year...a new season. And what do Powers and the Tigers have in store for the Big Eight in 1983?

An easier schedule, for one thing. More experience on offense and less on defense, for another. And a world of incentive!

The schedule finds a pair of decent challenges in the first two weeks as Missouri opens at home against Illinois, then travels to improving Wisconsin. But Texas is not among those challenges. And Utah State and East Carolina look like good confidence builders.

In addition, Missouri plays at home against Nebraska, Oklahoma and Oklahoma State. They will also be on the friendly grass of Faurot Field against Kansas State. Those are the four teams which finished ahead of the Tigers last season.

If the home field edge is going to be enough to make a difference, the MU defense will have to grow up in a hurry.

The entire middle of the defensive line ran out of

eligibility after last season. So did three-fourths of a fine secondary.

Spring experiments made Powers and his staff feel a little better about the situation, and Mizzou always seems to have good athletes on defense and at the skill positions. But there are still a lot of question marks that won't be answered until the final guns have sounded in three or four tough games.

The two big moves on defense involved Taft Sales and Tracey Mack. Sales, a 6-foot-2, 220-pound senior, was forced to move from end to linebacker last fall due to injuries. That put a lot of pressure on standout Bobby Bell (6-3, 214) at the other end. Sales had 112 tackles when the shouting was finished in '82. He's quick and physical. If the linebacking situation improves enough, he'll move back home to end, where he and Bell should make quite a pair.

In between Bell and Sales, however, will be some new faces. Robert Curry (6-3, 253) and Dick Chapura (6-4, 250) were backups at tackle last fall, but the latter may wind up at nose guard. Walkon Steve Runyan (6-4½, 248) won the starting job at the other tackle, while Duke transfer Steve Leshe (6-2, 255 soph) was tops at NG.

Eric Sims (6-3, 210) could play one end if Sales remains at linebacker. But Mack (6-0, 222) played well enough this spring at linebacker to give high hopes that his transition from running back would work.

Jay Wilson, rugged 6-4, 216 bruiser, returns at the strongside linebacking spot. The Tigers should be able to chase the ball.

The Missouri secondary was very secure last fall with backs like Kevin Potter, Raymond Hairston and Demetrious Johnson. But Jeff Smith (5-11, 192) was the fastest of the four, and he returns at one corner. Smith, only a junior, is also a dangerous kick returner.

This year Smith may not be the fastest D-back on the field. Junior Terry Matichak, who blocked four kicks last year, is expected to be the starter on the left side, even though he missed most of spring drills due to an ankle injury.

There was plenty of competition for the two



Conrad Goode

Tigers Have Solid Offense

safety jobs, with Reco Hawkins and Jerome Caver prevailing.

Missouri gave up only 78 points in its first six games last fall. But Nebraska, OSU and Oklahoma piled up 94 between them! Even with a wealth of experience returning on offense, the Tigers need to get better at stopping the big play.

They need to do better at coming up with the big play on offense, as well. It's been a while since Mizzou had the explosive offensive attack the Tigers boasted during the 70s. Only once last year did MU score more than four touchdowns. They did not have the break-away speed in the backfield they needed and they did not have the big, freight-train type runner either.

Junior quarterback Marlon Adler (6-0, 180) is a walkon who wound up the starter in 1982. But Brad Perry (6-2, 204) has had his day in the limelight there and, even though Adler held his job in the spring, the senior could end up back in the starter's role.

Adler proved an effective short passer last fall. He hit on 56 percent of his passes (79 of 140) and totalled 1,242 yards.

But the Tigers lost their top two receivers of a year ago, including tight end Andy Gibler. The leading returnee among the receivers is senior Craig White (6-2, 190), who caught 17 as a junior and 15 as a sophomore.

Senior Curtland Thomas (5-11, 182) and underclassmen Andy Hill (5-9, 164 and back from a redshirt year) and Joe Stanley are also in the picture as wide receivers, with Thomas the expected starter at flanker.

Gibler's void will probably be filled by converted wide receiver Tony Davis (6-5, 225), although former offensive guard Greg Krahl has been given a look there. Another former running back — George Shorthose — may be left at split end, where he played this spring. Any way you look at it, the Tigers do not appear nearly as strong aurally as they have been in the past.

The running game, however, could be improved. Powers has finally given up on Shorthose and Mack. And the line is big and experienced.

The big surprise of the spring was redshirt freshman Ron Floyd, a diminutive 5-9, 170-pound flyer who broke a kickoff return for 92 yards and added 72 yards rushing to edge the returning starter, Santos Barbosa (6-2, 190). Frosh Cameron Riley (6-1, 191) also had a great spring at tailback. Junior Glenn Malvern (6-0, 203) had the edge over Eric Drain (6-2, 207) at fullback.

If it's true that "it's what's up front that counts," the Tiger offense should be much stronger this fall. Four of the five interior line starters return, and three of them are seniors who know just what to expect. Conrad Goode (6-6½, 265) is another in a long line of prime Tiger NFL (or USFL, for that matter) prospects. Andy Ekern is gone at the other tackle, but senior Scott Shockley (6-5, 248) has paid his dues and is anxious for a shot at full-time duty.

Like Shockley, Bernard Laster (6-2, 251) is a fifth-year senior who won't be intimidated by some of the maulers in the Big Eight. He and senior James Dempsey (6-0, 248) return at the guards. And junior Phil

Greenfield (6-1, 240) is in the middle of his era at center. Seniors Tony Bruns (6-2, 228) and Tom Hornof (6-5, 250) have also put in time at center, but Hornof moved to guard and moved ahead of Dempsey this spring.

Goode, of course, is the class of that act. "He could be one of the best offensive tackles since Howard Richards...as a senior he is already bigger and stronger than Richards," says Powers of the three-year starter who has been a second-team choice on the All-Big Eight team the last two years.

The other Tiger with hopes of all-star honors on offense this fall is Thomas, the sure-handed flanker who missed the last five games of his junior season with a broken ankle. He averaged 22.2 yards a catch in the six games he played, scoring four touchdowns. And he averaged 18.4 a grab as a sophomore. If he stays healthy, he could pile up some enviable statistics.

The best athlete on the squad, however, could be Bell. He's been timed at 4.55 in the 40 and led the team with eight quarterback sacks last fall (for 56 yards in losses). At 6-3, 212, he could be a bit bigger. But he hits bigger than he is.

The Tigers should certainly get good, steady play from whichever quarterback ends up directing the show. Perry, for instance, guided the winning Black squad to a 34-7 victory over Adler and the Golds (five turnovers) in the spring finale. Perry hit seven of nine passes for 103 yards. Thomas caught seven passes for 96 yards. The only Gold score came when Matichak blocked a field goal try and Bell returned the loose ball 55 yards.

Even that may not be good enough, however. The middle of the defense is very green. Passing Kansas State and getting back in the first division could be a legitimate ambition. But going higher than that appears to be a pipedream. •



Marlon Adler

NEBRASKA



Tom Osborne

NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

HEAD COACH: Tom Osborne, 11th season (96-24-2 overall, 56-13-1 in Big Eight)

1982 RECORD: 12 wins, 1 loss (6-0, first place in Big Eight, Orange Bowl champions over LSU)

OFFENSIVE STARTERS: (4) Turner Gill, 6-1, 183, Sr. QB; Mike Rozier, 5-11, 210, Sr. TB; Irving Fryar, 6-0, 190, Sr. WB; Dean Steinkuhler, 6-4, 260, Sr. T.

DEFENSIVE STARTERS: (9) Bret Clark, 6-3, 200, Jr. FS; Neil Harris, 6-0, 190, Jr. CB; Dave Burke, 6-0, 200, Jr. CB; Mike Knox, 6-3, 230, Jr. LB; Rob Stuckey, 6-3, 250, Jr. T; Wade Praeuner, 6-0, 210, Sr. E; Bill Weber, 6-2, 210, Jr. E; Dave Rudder, 6-3, 215, Sr. E; Scott Strasburger, 6-2, 207, Jr. E



Dave Ridder

You don't have to be a football coach to know the strength of Nebraska. It's the skilled labor force led by Turner Gill, Mike Rozier and Irving Fryar.

Gill may be the best quarterback in Cornhusker history, Rozier the best I-back in Cornhusker history and Fryar one of the two best wingbacks in Cornhusker history.

If there are three bigger sticks of dynamite in football, they play on Sunday afternoons, not Saturday afternoons.

Even though that sounds more like fact than fiction, it doesn't take a coach to know that a football team is the sum of its parts.

Big Eight championships and national championships take more than a great quarterback, a great I-back and a great wingback. The skilled labor force needs an offensive line, a defense and a kicking game.

Gill, Rozier and Fryar are bound to find their way to the end zone this season. But the real pot of gold is still in the hands of their supporting cast.

Listen to Frank Solich and Nebraska's offensive backfield coach will tell you that supporting cast will be there.

"Nebraska has a tradition and that tradition doesn't rely on just a few individuals to get the job done," Solich said. "The experienced part of our team is the skilled offensive players. But realistically, we know that isn't going to win, week after week.

"To be a very good team, you still have to be a very balanced team. And I think we will be," Solich said. "Our line isn't all that experienced. But they're as big, as physical and probably as quick as the linemen we've had in the past.

"We've had holes in the offensive line before and our coaches have always been able to fill those holes with good people. That's part of our tradition," Solich said.

If Penn State is "Linebacker U," Nebraska is "Linemen U." For reasons that must dig deep with pride, Husker assistant coaches Clete Fischer

and Milt Tenopir crank the same kind of product off the annual assembly line.

Some coaches say Nebraska's offensive linemen never change. They just have different names and faces.

There is at least one exception to that rule this season. In 6-foot-3, 269-pound offensive guard Dean Steinkuhler, the Huskers have an All-American candidate who is every bit as viable as Gill, Rozier or Fryar.

"Dean graded higher for the whole season last year than any of our other starters. And we had an Outland Trophy winner and two other All-Big Eight players," offered Fischer. "I think he should be considered for this year's Outland Trophy."

Tom Osborne, Nebraska's head coach, isn't known for exuberant endorsements. But he would be the last to disagree with Fischer.

"Recognition is a hard thing to control. But I think Dean will be a first-round draft choice in the pros," Osborne said. "He's the fastest lineman we've ever had."

Steinkuhler clocked a :04.67 time in the 40 in winter conditioning. It's the kind of speed that should clear some paths for the speed merchants operating behind him.

Although he's listed as the only returning starter in Nebraska's front wall, it's a somewhat deceiving fact. Left guard Harry Grimmering, right tackle Scott Raridon and center Mark Traynowicz were second-team players who logged almost as much playing time as the first-team offensive line.

"That second line was almost as effective as our first line in a lot of games," Osborne said. "In the Orange Bowl, we had two 80-yard drives with our second line in the game."

Traynowicz, of course, was a tackle at the time. But his coaches and his teammates are convinced that he is well on his way to becoming an effective and respectable successor to All-American Dave Rimington.

Traynowicz had an impressive report card in the spring. But so did senior Brad Muehling, his



Bret Clark

Huskers Loaded With Stars

unheralded backup.

Depth may not seem readily apparent in Nebraska's offensive line. But if the script follows tradition, it will be cultivated. Greg Orton enters fall camp behind Steinkuhler at right guard and multi-talented Anthony Thomas enters fall camp behind Grimminger at left guard.

Sophomores Tim Roth and Tom Morrow are listed behind Raridon at right tackle. John Sherlock finished the spring as the No. 1 left tackle, with Mark Behning his closest pursuer.

Although backs are generally only as good as the line in front of them, Nebraska is blessed with a unique situation.

Osborne says flatly that Gill "is the best athlete we've ever had at quarterback. Vince Ferragamo had a better touch on the ball and Dave Humm was a better pure passer. But as far as running, leading, knowledge of the offense — the whole works — Turner is the most effective quarterback we've ever had."

Osborne is just as high on Rozier. "He's just the best back I've coached," he said. "He's so complete. He runs inside with strength and toughness and outside with speed and acceleration. He can break the big play, catch the ball, throw the ball and block. A lot of backs aren't very interested when they're not carrying the ball. Rozier plays hard all the time."

As unusual as it seems. Osborne considers Fryar a third bona fide All-American candidate in his offensive backfield. "Irving's a great player," he said. "For all practical purposes, he missed four games last season. If he'd stayed healthy, he would have caught 40 passes. He's a great runner, a great receiver and a great punt return man. With the possible exception of Johnny Rodgers, he's the best wingback we've ever had."

Gill, Rozier and Fryar are the brightest bulbs on the marquee. But they're not the only ones. Nate Mason and Craig Sundberg are quality backups at quarterback. Jeff Smith could be considered the best backup tailback in the country and Shane Swanson is an often overlooked, but always reliable wingback.

Mark Schellen and Tom Rathman may not be All-American candidates, but they could be the best 1-2 fullback punch in the Big Eight. Ricky Simmons and Scott Kimball have similar possibilities at split end. Monte Engebretson had a solid spring at tight end, but that position remains the biggest question mark on offense.

Defensively, Nebraska continues to take a backseat in the department of preseason publicity. But the Blackshirts could be on the verge of returning to the top of the Big Eight Conference statistics.

Charlie McBride, the Huskers' defensive coordinator, almost always thrives on being slighted. "We may not be real strong physically or real fast. But this is the best group of hitters we've ever had," he said. "These kids may not be able to run with you. But as soon as they catch you, they'll break your nose and knock your socks off."

That is particularly true of four players who are considered prime candidates for All-Big Eight honors — safety Bret Clark, weakside linebacker Mike Knox and ends Bill Weber and Scott Strasburger.

Knox didn't start last year, but played almost the entire Orange Bowl game when the defense produced what might have been its finest hour in a great comeback season.

"As a team, we had 10 critical errors against LSU," pointed out George Darlington, NU's defensive end coach. "It was a blow to our expectations. Even a great offense will have games where it kicks the ball around. If we hadn't played well defensively, we'd have lost the bowl game."

"Football is still a team game," Darlington said. "The bowl game could have shaken our poise, but it didn't. We took care of business and controlled a very good LSU offensive football team."

Rob Stuckey was the Huskers' starting defensive right tackle and Dave Burke the starting right cornerback in that game. Both return, and with Clark, Weber and Knox give the Huskers a solid nucleus.

"The people we're counting on to be great players really need to play great," Darlington said. "Then we need some other kids in other spots to really come on and play well. They're the ones who'll be the difference."

Players in that category are strongside linebacker Mark Daum, defensive tackles Doug Herrmann and Mike Keeler, middle guards Mike Tranmer and Ken Graeber, end David Ridder, cornerbacks Neil Harris and Todd Fisher and monsters Mike McCashland, Wade Pracuner and Dan Casterline.

If those players help Nebraska mold a solid defense, and a kicking game develops around junior college transfer Scott Livingston, Nebraska could be the best team in the nation.



Irving Fryar

OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA SOONERS

HEAD COACH: Barry Switzer, 11th season (98-17-3 overall, 62-7-1 in Big Eight)

1982 RECORD: 8 wins, 4 losses, 1 tie overall (6-1, second in the Big Eight, lost to Arizona State in Sun Bowl)

OFFENSIVE STARTERS: (9) Johnny Fontenette, 6-0, 223, Sr. TE; Brent Burks, 6-7, 267, Jr. T; Paul Parker, 6-3, 275, Sr. G; Chuck Thomas, 6-3, 275, Jr. C; Sidney Dodd, 6-6, 265, Jr. T; David Carter, 6-1, 192, Jr. SE; Paul Clewis, 6-1, 190, Jr. SE; Marcus Dupree, 6-3, 235, So. TB; Steve Sewell, 6-4, 200, Jr. WB.

DEFENSIVE STARTERS: (10) Daryl Goodlow, 6-2, 230, Sr. E; Rick Bryan, 6-4, 260, Sr. T; Bob Slater, 6-4, 253, Sr. T; Kevin Murphy, 6-2, 215, Jr. E; Thomas Benson, 6-2, 238, Sr. LB; Jackie Shipp, 6-3, 230, Sr. LB; Dwight Drane, 6-1, 200, Sr. DB; Scott Case, 6-1, 183, Sr. DB; Keith Stanberry, 6-1, 198, Jr. SS; John Truitt, 6-3, 220, Sr. E



Barry Switzer



Keith Stanberry

After winning seven Big Eight championships in his first eight years at Oklahoma, Barry Switzer suddenly finds himself wishing he could hear those complaints once more from fans and players who were tired of going to Miami, Florida.

The Sooners have lost title showdowns with Nebraska each of the past two years. Orange Bowl trips have been replaced by the Sun and Fiesta Bowls.

Most of the league coaches feel OU may return to Miami next January. The reason is defense.

It was the lack of defensive muscle — combined with a couple of untimely fumbles — which led to Nebraska's 37-14 victory at Norman in 1981. It was the inability to stop the big play by the Huskers last year — combined with the Sooners' inability to pass — that paved the way for a 28-24 NU win in Lincoln last November.

The defensive muscle will be there for Oklahoma this fall. So should the experience and improvement to stop the big plays — even though Nebraska returns its big play people. But if the Sooners still have to pass to win, they could be in trouble.

Despite extensive work this spring on the passing game, OU still wound up without a qualified receiving threat at tight end, with injured and still inconsistent split ends and with a quarterback who's completed only 9 of 17 passes in his career.

Will the Sooners have to pass to win? Not often, most observers feel. The reasons are an improved offensive line and a tailback who might be the best runner ever in college football.

Marcus Dupree, an All-Big Eight and second-team All-American selection last year as a record-setting freshman, will have an entire season to do what he did in basically only eight games last fall. If he's fully recovered from a leg injury, that is.

Dupree, a 6-3, 235-pound combination of thunder and lightning, became the first freshman ever to lead the Sooners in rushing when he piled up 905 yards, all but 20 of that in his final eight games of the regular season. He added 239 yards in

the Fiesta Bowl, although limited to less than half the offensive plays due to a muscle pull that proved more serious than first thought and required a summer rehabilitation program.

The most amazing aspect of Dupree's performance as a freshman was his ability to break the long run. Against Texas, the school which at one time thought it had landed the prize recruit out of high school, Dupree opened the scoring with a 63-yard dash. The next week against Kansas he broke a 75-yarder for a TD. He broke a fourth-and-one play for a 30-yard scoring run against Oklahoma State. And he had a 77-yard punt return at Colorado. He added an 80-yard run for a touchdown against Kansas State and a 70-yarder against Missouri, then finished up with an 86-yard TD strike at Nebraska.

With the big Mississippian out of spring drills, red-shirt frosh Spencer Tillman and Earl Johnson had plenty of chances to show what they could do. Although both are listed as fullbacks, Tillman played tailback in the spring game and could go there if Dupree is not ready. Even with the loss of Ron Mills (grades) and Matt Pierson (academic suspension), OU is still deep in the backfield with Alvin Ross, Jerome Ledbetter and Allen Ward backing up the top three. There is even a possibility that transfer Fred Sims could wind up back in Norman and be eligible to play this fall.

Danny Bradley earned the confidence of his coaches and teammates as a quarterback who can make the offense run smoothly, whether in the I formation or the more familiar Wishbone.

Steve Sewell started part-time as a freshman and all last season as a sophomore. His talents as both a runner and receiver should be utilized much more this fall, and he's a superb blocker.

Split ends Paul Clewis and David Carter both underwent minor knee operations this past year, and both have been inconsistent in the past. There's a good chance they'll lose their job (they alternate and bring plays in) to Buster Rhymes, the junior from Miami, Fla., who started as a freshman and sophomore and then was suspended from the team last fall. He was then put on academic suspension



Paul Parker

Sooner Defense Title-Tough

and wound up transferring to Oscar Rose Junior College.

Rhymes graduated from Oscar Rose and then embarked upon a seven-hour summer program that would regain his status as a full-time student at OU and, therefore, a Sooner football player once again. His talents at split end could fit in nicely with Switzer's increased emphasis on being able to throw the football.

But it's the offensive line which should enable Oklahoma to return to awesome performance levels while in possession of the football. Last year's young line was slow in adjusting to sophisticated defensive alignments against the Wishbone. And the I was kept very basic since it was added after three games.

With tight end John Fontenette, tackles Sidney Dodd and Brent Burks, guard Paul Parker and center Chuck Thomas all returning — as well as freshman All-American Eric Pope — this fall, line coach Merv Johnson is all smiles.

The defense is even more experienced.

Tackles Ricky Bryan and Bob Slater return for their third years as starters. Linebackers Jackie Shipp and Thomas Benson do the same, although they've switched positions to improve pass coverage. Kevin Murphy became a big-play star at one end last fall and Daryl Goodlow performed well. John Truitt will be trying to ease into one of those end positions after returning from an injury suffered in the last seconds of a victory over Texas.

It was the Sooner secondary which caught the blame for many of those killing pass plays last fall, and coach Bobby Proctor hopes those problems are solved.

Scott Case, moved from corner to free safety, is touted as a potential All-American. Keith Stanberry is one of the best at his position (strong safety) in the country. If Dwight Drane and Brian Hall can come through at corners, or if Jim Rockford and Roy Owens make their moves, the secondary should be secure.

Kicking will be a question mark. Michael Keeling, four-year starter, has graduated. David Culver, who saw some action last year as a freshman, is expected to handle the tee chores, while incoming frosh Darin Atiyeh of Seminole is in line to inherit the punting duties.

"Our defense will give us a chance to be a very good football team," said Switzer of his 11th team at OU. "But our schedule presents a sobering challenge to our players and coaches. The Big Eight Conference will be better balanced this year than it was last, and

our non-conference opponents are all teams capable of beating us or any of the top teams in the country.

"Opening at Stanford will be a very dangerous way to start the season. They gave us fits out there the last time we played at Stanford, and you know they'll test our secondary. Texas will be a better football team than they were last year. And Ohio State and Tulsa are both returning a lot of quality athletes and a lot of momentum."

The Sooners had problems with that non-conference schedule last year. West Virginia used the pass to inflict a 41-27 season-opening loss on OU at Norman, then, after a road win over Kentucky, Oklahoma

returned to Memorial Stadium to suffer its first shutout since 1969 — a 12-0 loss to Southern Cal. It was at that point Switzer and his staff decided to go to the I formation as the basic offense and save the Wishbone for special occasions. It was also at that point that Dupree came into his own, moving to tailback and sharing time with first Stanley Wilson and then Fred Sims.

There are no indications at this time that the Sooners will alternate Dupree with anyone. As long as he is healthy, he will likely be slugging away from end to end and everywhere in between waiting for that big gainer to open up. With an improved line in front of him and more opportunities to carry the football, his sophomore season could be even more fantastic than his rookie year. And it was fantastic.

In fact, the top two Heisman Trophy candidates for 1983 could very well be Big Eight tailbacks Dupree and Mike Rozier of Nebraska. Rozier is a senior and the leading returning vote getter from last year after Herschel Walker of Georgia and Todd Blackledge of Penn State elected to by-pass their final seasons as

collegians and turn pro. Dupree is already being compared to Walker, who won the Heisman as a junior.

After that season opener at Stanford, the Sooners will return home to face an Ohio State team that has been rocked by the suspension of standout quarterback Mike Tomczak by the NCAA. The decision had been appealed, and most observers felt the Big Ten's most efficient passer of 1982 would be in the starting lineup at Norman.

In the Big Eight race, Oklahoma would seem to have a slight advantage in that the Sooners play Nebraska in Norman this November. But they must play Oklahoma State on the road the week after Texas and have Missouri and Kansas State on the road as well.



Jackie Shipp

OKLAHOMA STATE

OKLAHOMA STATE COWBOYS

HEAD COACH: Jimmy Johnson, fifth season (21-21-3 overall, 14-11-3 in Big Eight).

1982 RECORD: 4 wins, 5 losses, 2 ties overall (3-2-2, 3rd place in Big Eight)

OFFENSIVE STARTERS: (8) Barry Hanna, 6-4, 235, Jr. TE; John Chesley, 6-5, 225, Sr. TE; John Cegielski, 6-2, 268, Sr. T; Kevin Igo, 6-0, 257, Sr. G; Ike Jackson, 6-4, 208, Jr. QB; Ernest Anderson, 5-11, 190, Sr. RB; Kelly Cook, 5-11, 210, Jr. FB; Larry Roach, 6-1, 175, Jr. K.

DEFENSIVE STARTERS: (6) Rodney Harding, 6-2, 230, Jr. E; Keith Brown, 6-2, 260, Jr. NG; James Spencer, 6-3, 242, Sr. LB; Rod Brown, 6-3, 185, Jr. FS; Chris Rockins, 6-0, 185, Sr. SS; Raymond Polk, 6-0, 198, Sr. CB.



Jimmy Johnson



John Chesley

Jimmy Johnson suffered through a season in which his Oklahoma State Cowboys won just four games last year. And yet, when it was all over, there the Pokes were in third place in the Big Eight Conference again.

Johnson's Pokes have seemingly thrived on doing the unexpected since he took over at the corral in Stillwater five years ago. Pick 'em to stumble and fumble and they'll play lights out. Pick 'em to play lights out and they'll blow a fuse and short circuit. Based on the theory of alternating success-failure patterns (7-4 his first year in 1979, 3-7-1 the next year with an experienced club and 7-5 with a bowl appearance in 1981), many figured OSU to flounder around in the second division of the Big Eight last fall. After the Cowboys lost to Tulsa and Louisville and were held to ties by both Kansas and Colorado in games they should have won, those predicting dark days for Orange Power were saying, "I told you so!"

With a 1-2-2 (thank goodness for North Texas State!) record after five games, and Oklahoma coming up at Norman in the sixth, the Pokes could have been forgiven if they had folded up their tents and forgotten about the rest of 1982.

Instead, they gave the Sooners a scare before losing, 27-9, then upset Missouri and followed an expected loss to Nebraska with wins over Kansas State and Iowa State to take third in the league race.

If the season had ended there, the winter and spring might have been a little easier on Johnson. But his team played its "bowl game" in a regular season finale at San Diego State and got embarrassed, 35-6. No winning record. No momentum.

So the alternating pattern did, after all, prevail. And yet, there was OSU in third place in the Big Eight.

The Cowboys will have to work hard to avoid finishing that high again this season. Not that they look any stronger than last year, but none of the other contenders for first-division berths appear ready to press on by the Pokes. The three with the

best shots — Missouri, Kansas and Kansas State — have made a habit of losing to O-State when they shouldn't.

Last season the Cowboys were victimized time and again by their own mistakes — usually on offense. It was a fumbled punt which turned the game around against Oklahoma. Interceptions killed them against Colorado and Louisville and San Diego State. Despite having the nation's leading rusher from Game 1 through Game 11, Oklahoma State resembled a strong offensive football team only twice — against Missouri in a 30-20 win and against Iowa State in a 49-13 rout of what was statistically the best defense in the Big Eight.

With a defense that has been almost completely rebuilt in 1983, OSU will have to become more consistent on offense and avoid those turnovers which turned victory into defeat or deadlock. On paper, the Pokes look to have the ingredients to do just that.

Ernest, of course, is back. But even he — Ernest Anderson, who led the nation in rushing with a Big Eight single season record of 1,877 yards — felt the heat of competition this spring as former starter Sean Jones and heralded freshman Ken Zachery performed impressively. Starter Kelly Cook returns at fullback, where he's become a top

blocker. Also back is quarterback Ike Jackson. Therein lies the key for the Cowboys.

Jackson took over after those early-season frustrations in 1982 when Rusty Hilger and Adam Hinds simply weren't meeting with much success. The lanky Arkansas athlete showed enough flashes of brilliance to keep the job, despite a propensity to throw the football to people in the wrong uniforms.

This past spring, Jackson was injured and missed valuable time that Johnson wanted spent in "cutting down our turnovers." Hilger did most of the quarterbacking. Hinds was moved to cornerback in the new-look defensive backfield.

Jackson is expected to move back in to his old job this fall. He's got a strong arm, quick feet and the size (6-foot-4, 208) to see the entire field. Oklahoma State has made a habit of going through



Larry Roach

Pokes' Offense Improved

quarterbacks about the way National Basketball Association teams go through coaches. Johnson would love to have an "Ike Jackson Era" that continues through the next two seasons.

While the backfield has a "loaded" look as far as experience is concerned, the offensive line spent most of the spring being introduced to each other.

Seniors John Cegielski (6-2, 268) and Kevin Igo (6-0, 257) were members of a no-name line last year that took great pride in clearing the way for Anderson's record performance. But they're the only two back from that line. Spring did little to clear up some of the other position battles, but it was apparent that Johnson's beefed-up redshirt program had been productive.

Redshirts David Storey (6-4, 260) and David Tucker (6-2, 265) were fighting it out with veteran Mike Stead (6-2, 248) at center, while Ralph Partida (6-3, 246) and David Hicks (6-6, 250) held forth at guard and tackle on the weak side opposite Cegielski and Igo. Paul Blair and Derek Burton were also in that jumbled line puzzle.

Although neither John Chesley nor Barry Hanna practiced this spring due to injuries, OSU figures to be as strong as anyone in the league at that position. Chesley, a 6-5, 225 senior, has started two years in a row.

One of the primary concerns of Johnson and his staff heading into spring was finding someone other than a tight end who could catch the football. Jamie Harris made everyone forget he is only 5-10 by 163 when the lithe junior put together a fine spring. Kenneth Brown is a much bigger target at flanker, going 6-5 and 232. Terry Wemer (6-0, 180) is also in that picture at flanker.

The big gun for the Oklahoma State offense two years ago was Larry Roach, who was then only a freshman. Last fall as a sophomore Roach got off to a terrible start, missing his first five attempts. But he rebounded to hit 15 of his next 20 to give him 34 career three-pointers and make him almost a sure bet to become the all-time leading kicker in the Big Eight.

A good idea of what's been going on on defense at OSU can be seen by looking at a depth chart which shows three 1982 starters in the secondary now on the second team.

The past two years, the Pokes made it a habit to get beat deep by the pass. So, even though Roderick Fisher, Rod Brown, Chris Rockins and Raymond Polk were all returning from the 1982 second-

dary, only Fisher found himself with a starting job as spring drills opened.

The replacements played well enough to keep Brown, Rockins and Polk on that second team. Harry Roberts, a 6-2, 206 speedster who seemed destined for stardom as a running back, was moved to strong safety and filled a big hole in the OSU defense. Hinds (6-3, 205) took over at one corner and Demise Williams, a 6-2, 205 redshirt freshman, displayed the skills that earned him All-American honors in high school.

Those four have much more physical talent than the Pokes have been used to of late. But two are offensive converts and the other did not play last year. How quickly they adjust to pass coverages and play recognition will have a lot to do with how much improvement OSU will have over its 1982 record.

Unfortunately for Johnson, the problems on defense do not end with the facelift of the secondary. Only James Spencer at linebacker, Rodney Harding at end and Keith Brown at nose guard return from last year's unit — if you toss out the three backs.

But the Cowboys have made a habit of coming up with unheralded players who became defensive stars. And they'll need a similar "find" or two this fall.

Harding, a 6-2, 230 junior with outstanding quickness, led the team with seven sacks last season. He won the Missouri game two years ago with a fumble recovery.

Spencer (6-3, 242) is a smashing linebacker who was second on the team a year ago with 109 tackles. He could be one of the best in the league.

Brown (6-2, 260) should provide some solidarity in the middle of the line, with help hopefully

coming from the likes of Tim Reeves (6-5, 230), Leslie O'Neal (6-4, 228), Chris Patton (6-5, 253), Reggie McNair (6-2, 255) and John Washington (6-5, 265).

James Ham (6-2, 220) and David Webb (5-11, 202) were in the chase for the other defensive end job, while Doug Maritan (6-3, 218 junior) was working alongside Spencer at linebacker. Juniors Jim Krebs and Matt Monger were pushing for playing time there, also.

From a scheduling standpoint, the Pokes face a more rugged challenge than they did a year ago. After the always nice opener with North Texas State and a road date at Cincinnati, they must play at Texas A&M and then return home to take on Tulsa. *



Ernest Anderson

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September 10	Iowa	at Kentucky	North Texas State	at Michigan State	at TCU (N)	Illinois	Wyoming	at Stanford
September 17	at Vanderbilt (N)	TCU (N)	at Cincinnati	Colorado State	Wichita State	at Wisconsin	at Minnesota	Ohio State
September 24	Colorado State	Wyoming (N)	at Texas A&M	Oregon State	at Southern Cal	Utah State	UCLA	Tulsa
October 1	New Mexico State.	OKLAHOMA	Tulsa	Noire Dame	East Carolina	Syracuse	at Kansas State	
October 8	KANSAS		NEBRASKA	MISSOURI	at IOWA STATE	at COLORADO	OKLA STATE	Texas at Dallas
October 15	COLORADO	at KANSAS	OKLAHOMA	at IOWA STATE	KANSAS STATE	NEBRASKA	at MISSOURI	at OKLA STATE
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October 29	MISSOURI	NEBRASKA	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA STATE	OKLAHOMA	at IOWA STATE	at KANSAS STATE	KANSAS
November 5	at NEBRASKA	at OKLA STATE	KANSAS STATE	at KANSAS	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA	IOWA STATE	at MISSOURI
November 12	at KANSAS STATE	IOWA STATE	MISSOURI	OKLAHOMA	NEBRASKA	OKLAHOMA STATE	KANSAS	COLORADO
November 19	OKLAHOMA STATE	at COLORADO	at IOWA STATE	KANSAS STATE	MISSOURI	at KANSAS		
November 26							OKLAHOMA	NEBRASKA
December 3							at OKLAHOMA	at Hawaii

With No. 12 in a familiar position, it's bring on Penn State! But the choice between baseball and football wasn't made lightly.



Husker leader tries to outfly Iowa's Hawks.



By Tom Ash

Gill Stays;

As quickly as a midsummer spark can inhale a thousand acres of Hooker County range grass, the word spread across Nebraska.

The odds were 50-50 that Turner Gill wouldn't be back at quarterback for the Cornhuskers this fall. Nebraskans, pampered by the habit of seeing their favorites win 9, 10, 11 times each fall, get mighty fidgety with odds so lacking in reassurance. Why 50-50 is no better than a coin flip.

But there it was, right in bold type in the newspapers. Black and white. Fifty-fifty. Radio and TV trumpeted the news, too. Sure enough, Turner Gill was torn right up the gizzard between finishing out his illustrious football career and signing a contract to play professional baseball.

The unsettling news came from an informal press conference in Oklahoma City during the

Big Eight baseball tournament, where Gill was performing at shortstop for the Huskers. Oklahoma? Ah, ha! Okie propaganda, of course.

Nope, Turner insisted to his confederates. He really wasn't sure. He surely did enjoy football, but, doggone, baseball was his first love...

Good grief! There's Penn State, the defending national champion, waiting at the Meadowlands Sports Complex in New Jersey, waiting to open the season against the Cornhuskers on national television in the inaugural Kickoff Classic in late August.

The Huskers couldn't quite pull it off against the Nittany Lions *with* Turner Gill last year. How would they manage *without* him this time?

The question, as most Nebraskans are fully aware by now, is moot, of course, because the

Football 50 eventually outweighed the Baseball 50.

The dreaded question also may have been irrelevant since there was a very good chance of no Gill, no game.

Without a strong positive signal from Gill to Coach Tom Osborne long before the public 50-50 declaration, Nebraska probably would have stuck with the original schedule and opened the season 12 days later at home against Wyoming.

Osborne first got wind that Gill was thinking about bypassing his final football campaign early in the baseball season. Gill had been promised when he was recruited that he could double up in his sports, but a grade

mixup his freshman year and a celebrated leg injury his sophomore season eliminated baseball.

As a Husker junior, Gill was discovering how much he had missed the game. He had beaten out a touted California juco shortstop named Matt Butcher and was cooking along toward final .284 batting and .925 fielding averages. His bulb burned bright, and the pro moths hovered.

Osborne wanted to know if he could count on his prize quarterback for the fall; he and the school administration were considering an offer to play in the Kickoff Classic. It was a difficult decision with the fold intact.

Tom would have to assemble his squad early and fit 29 practices into three weeks instead of four. That would mean two weeks of two-a-day practices instead of the usual five or six days. Legs would be heavy with less recovery time.

But the money was good, and the Huskers could certainly use it for improved study and dining facilities.

Still, Penn State is no patsy, and the Huskers don't play to lose. "The quarterback is only one of 22 starters, but experience at quarterback is important, especially in the first game," Osborne said.

wanted to know," Osborne said.

He wouldn't say the Penn State game would definitely be scrubbed if Gill opted for an early pro baseball start because he didn't want to reflect a lack of confidence in quarterbacks Nate Mason and Craig Sundberg, "but we did weigh that as an option. It was another factor in the decision," Osborne said.

"I told Coach Osborne it would take a bundle of money for me to sign a pro contract. I told him I was 90 percent sure I would play football this fall. I told him to go ahead and schedule the game. But I wanted to leave the door open. He knew exactly where I stood at all times," Gill said.

But then came the "50-50" quote from Oklahoma City. The odds had changed.

"During the baseball season, I really couldn't analyze things out. There were a lot of scouts around during the tournament. That got me all hyped up about baseball. The 50-50 was realistic at the time," Gill said. "The reporters caught me at a good time. I felt good about baseball then."

"People in Nebraska can't realize like other people in Texas who saw me play that there's another sport in my life. People in Nebraska see me as a good football player; they can't see me as a baseball player. They don't see how I

practice, he threw a ball from second to home, "and it had something on it," he said. So the coach, Ken Fisher, made him a pitcher. "I was a success right from the beginning," he said.

He was a phenom as a pitcher and led the league in home runs.

As a 10-year-old, he moved up to the Major League and, as the first player taken in a local draft, he went to Dietz Opticians, the last-place team the previous year. It was the only losing team on which he has ever played — 8-12. But Turner was the MVP in the regional tournament and made the state all-star team.

The next year, Dietz won the league. As a 12-year-old, Gill led Dietz into the state tournament in Waco. He pitched and won the first and third games, but his team lost in the finals to San Antonio.

His first exposure to organized football was with the Ridglea Roughnecks in the West Side Lions League. He was a right halfback in a wishbone offense. "I was pretty good, and happy, but I didn't stand out like I did in baseball," Gill said. That first year was spent on the "B" team, for 80-pounders.

At 12, he was on the "A" team, 100-pounders, and his team won the North Central Region championship and beat an Oklahoma team in a bowl game in Fort Worth. "Texas and Oklahoma is a big rivalry at that level, too," he said.

"Everything was going together smoothly. I was playing the year round. It was keeping me out of the streets," he said.

There was track, too. At 10, he went to Birmingham, Ala., for the U.S. Youth Games and finished third nationally in the long jump.

Track and basketball eventually yielded to football and baseball. In the eighth grade, he got his first crack at quarterback. "I liked it at first because I had an arm, but I was shy, timid. The quarterback had to be a leader," he said.

In the ninth grade, he broke his wrist while tackling a player in practice the week of the first game, but he came back to play in the last two games.

He played for a 10-0 junior varsity team as a sophomore at Arlington Heights High School. As a junior he was a regular flanker and defensive back and backup quarterback for the 11-1 city champs. "I really enjoyed being a receiver. I got a taste of getting hit," he said. Arlington Heights lost in the regional playoffs to Odessa Permian. Gill made second team All-City as a defensive back.

"My senior year, I kind of blossomed in football. It was the first year I was known as a quarterback. It turned out to be the greatest season I ever had I'd given up on football as a

Decisions, Decisions: Game Is On

Gill is certainly no commoner at quarterback. The Huskers have won 18 and lost one — to Penn State last year — with Gill starting. He was All-Big Eight as a sophomore and junior.

"In terms of all-around ability, Turner has the potential to be the best quarterback I've worked with in 12 or 13 years. I hate to say he's the best until he's played his last year," Osborne said. "But he could be the best quarterback in the country in terms of effectiveness, moving the team...if he continues to develop."

So Osborne asked where Gill stood as negotiations continued on the Kickoff Classic. "If he was definitely going to play baseball, I

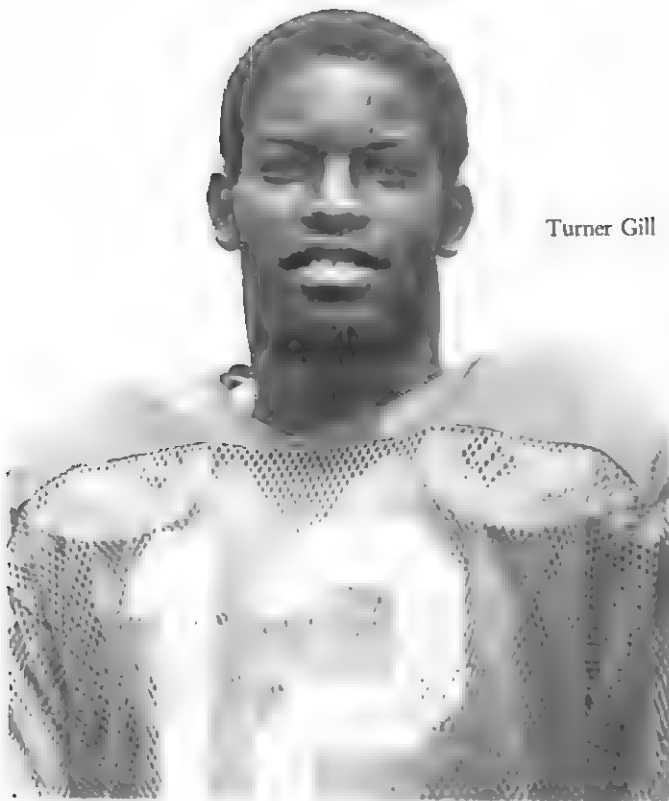
could walk away from football.

"But baseball has always been more fun for me. It's more individual in baseball. I've been good in baseball all my life," he said.

To fully appreciate the complexity of his final-year decision, an examination of Turner Gill's early years in Fort Worth, Tex., is necessary. Still, it was much less trying than the decision he made to become a Cornhusker in the first place instead of signing with the Chicago White Sox out of high school.

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The first ball Turner can remember handling was a baseball. He started playing organized baseball at 7 years old. Football came a year later. "I was always a lot better in baseball, and it was always more fun, up until my senior year in high school," he said.

Young Turner broke in with the Acme Brick team in the Peeewe League. In his first



Turner Gill

college scholarship possibility or pro future," he said.

"All I did was run options, go down the line and read, and drop back. I had about 500 yards rushing and 1,200 yards passing with 11 touchdowns," he said.

Arlington Heights finished with a 10-2 record. Gill was the Fort Worth offensive player of the year and co-defensive player of the year. He made all-city and all-Tarrant County. "But I didn't make all-state," he said.

In baseball, Gill was a 10-1 pitcher as a junior when he wasn't playing shortstop. An elbow problem curtailed his pitching as a senior, but he averaged about .395 as a hitter both years.

"I really got all my recognition in Legion ball during the summer. When I was 15, we went to the Connie Mack World Series in Farmington, N.M., and finished second. We went back the next year and finished third. I was just a shortstop then, and that's where all the scouts were," he said.

The most difficult decision of his life came after he was drafted in the second round by the White Sox in his senior year.

"I wasn't even really thinking about football, but I decided if I was going to college, it would be some place where I could play both sports," he said.

"As a kid growing up, I was thinking about doing what Reggie Jackson was doing. It was a dream come true when I was drafted.

I didn't go to school that day, waiting for the phone to ring. All my teammates were telling me to sign. The next month was tough, very tough. To see something you dream about your whole life and then turn it down? It's hard as a kid to see beyond today."

But he waited and weighed.

The White Sox offered \$75,000. Turner said he would sign for \$100,000. "I wanted six figures," he said. "I wasn't suffering. We were a middle-class, happy family. But that kind of money would have helped my life."

Meanwhile, he visited Texas but was told he had to decide between baseball and football. Scratch the Longhorns.

Oklahoma beckoned, "but I didn't know if they would let me play quarterback," he said. The Sooners had signed Ricky Byers of LaPorte, the top-rated quarterback in Texas, who has since dropped out of school. Gill, who was rated No. 5, was "frustrated" because he didn't make all-state and wasn't chosen for the Texas prep all-star game.

At Nebraska, he was told he could play baseball and was considered strictly a quarterback. The choice, ultimately, was between the Cornhuskers and the White Sox.

"I wanted to sign with the White Sox; I just wanted to go. But I knew this guy in the minor leagues, Bryan Milner. He eventually got to the big leagues as a catcher with the Blue Jays. He signed for \$125,000. His parents wrote me a letter and offered to help me with my decision.

"They showed me his letters. He said if he had it to do over, he would have gone to school. He's out of baseball. He's in college now," Gill said.

"I talked it over with my family. That's why you have your parents, to tell you the difference between right and wrong...at least look at the whole thing," he said. Mr. and Mrs. Turner Gill, Sr., sisters Joyce, a Houston grad and accountant, and Jackie, now 16, all contributed to the family decision.

"That whole process helped me this year when I had another decision to make," Gill said.

Gill was an immediate hit as a Cornhusker freshman. He completed 65 percent of his passes for the unbeaten 1980 yearlings and set a school record with 981 yards in total offense.

"I knew then that I could play major college football," he said. He broke in with the varsity that year when Osborne sent an all-freshman backfield onto the field late in the game against Utah State.

"The biggest thing was just running out on the field for the first time. Chills were running down my spine. If I never play again, I had that experience. They can never take that away. Just to play, that's amazing. I still feel it like that," he said.

Gill missed his freshman year of baseball because of an academic misunderstanding. He had eight hours of classroom work and six hours of correspondence courses. He needed nine hours in class to be eligible. "It wasn't a grade-type deal; it was kind of a mishap," he said.

"But it definitely turned out for the best. Maybe it was a blessing," he said.

With spring football, he was better prepared for sophomore football. Gill was listed behind Mark Mauer and Mason. Osborne talked to him about redshirting. "He said I would probably only start if they got hurt. That's exactly what happened."

Gill got into the second quarter against Florida State his sophomore year, but he fumbled and didn't play again in that game. "I thought I'd be benched for the rest of the year. Mark, Nate and Bruce Mathison played ahead of me. I didn't know if I'd get another chance."

Turner Gill Sr.'s counsel in earlier years helped. "My dad always worried about my temper. I was very impatient. If I wasn't successful, I'd say forget it. He was worried that I couldn't handle things that didn't come easily. Coming to Nebraska brought me out of my shyness, and playing quarterback at Nebraska really helped my patience," he said.

He waited on the bench against Penn State while Mason was injured in a loss. "I had to get myself back together. I said this time I

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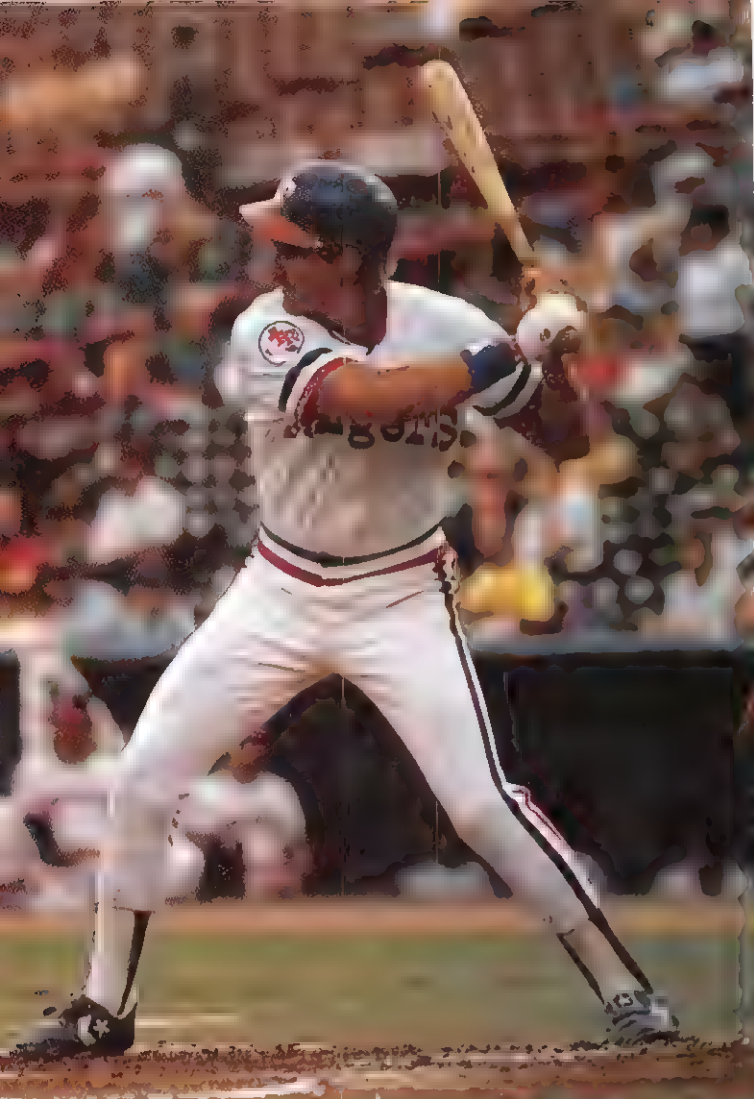
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O'Brien is Sanders' first big leaguer.

Sanders' Baseball Program A Stepping Stone To Majors

Cerv and Bahnsen charted the Husker course; O'Brien followed, and Burke and Stanicek are closing in.

By Mike Babcock

Gaylord Perry, a 300-game winner, five-time all-star, and logical candidate for major league baseball's Hall of Fame when he finally retires, stood tall on the mound at the Texas Rangers' Arlington Stadium that night in late September of 1982.

Seattle's "Ancient Mariner" tugged at his cap and rocked ever so slightly, the way he always does before delivering a pitch.

The batter was Ranger rookie Pete O'Brien, who was giving away 21 major league seasons to the 44 year-old Perry. Three times O'Brien had batted against the big right-hander, and three times he'd gone out leaving runners on base the first two times with a grounder and a fly ball, and flying out to right field the third time.

Texas relief pitcher Dave Schmidt, O'Brien's friend as well as teammate, had watched those confrontations from the dugout. "Pete didn't have many good swings," said Schmidt.

"He had me on the ropes," O'Brien ad-

mitted, adding that he had gone into the game vowing not to get behind in the count against the veteran pitcher. The count was one-and-one, O'Brien having just watched Perry's famed "spitter" dip for a strike on the previous pitch.

The ball came in high and hard, and O'Brien connected, sending it over the right center field fence and into the Texas night. "Pete crushed it," Schmidt said. "He really crushed it."

"I knew I hit it pretty well," said O'Brien, who hit his second major league home run the next night off a 90-mph fastball from Seattle's all-star left-hander Floyd Bannister. He finished his abbreviated first big league season with four home runs.

None, however, could be more memorable than the first.

In many ways, O'Brien's home run off Perry had significance beyond a late-season game between two also-rans in a stadium nicknamed "Arlington Airport." It was the

culmination of a brief minor league career for O'Brien and represented a new era in Nebraska baseball.

Now, O'Brien's play is the standard by which all Cornhuskers from five-year head Coach John Sanders' program are measured. Nebraska has sent players to the major leagues — most notably Bob Cerv and Stan Bahnsen — but O'Brien is the first to come from Sanders' program.

It's unlikely he'll be the last.

Although the percentage of draftees who finally reach the top is small, more and more Cornhuskers are being drafted each season and the number of those who have remained in professional organizations has increased. This year's Nebraska team produced a record nine draftees, two of whom were chosen before the 10th round — junior pitcher Bob Sebra and senior first baseman Dan Boever.

Sebra was a fifth-round pick of the Rangers; Boever was the Cincinnati Reds' eighth-round choice.

worried about falling down or starting too soon or something," he said.

Later, Scotty matched his record with seven more Sports Festival medals. Last year, only one was gold; this year, there were five, including one for the all-around championship. He missed an eighth medal by one-tenth of a point in the pommel horse.

"I was on Cloud Nine all week," he said.

Also at the Sports Festival, Nebraska swimmer Cliff Looschen won gold medals in the 100 and 200 backstroke and two more in relays. His 100 time of :58.44 was second fastest in the nation.

Other Huskers in the Sports Festival included Moe Iba and Dave Hoppen, who coached and played, respectively, for the North basketball team; track athletes Rhonda Blanford, Karen Wood and Angela Thacker, who will also compete in the Pan-American Games; wrestler Al Freeman, volleyball players Cathy Noth and Sharon Kramer and gymnasts Mike Bowers and Wes Suter.

honors

Senior Merlene Ottey, with 11 national sprint championships to her credit, was winner of The Omaha World-Herald's prestigious Frederick Ware Memorial Award as the Nebraska athlete who "accomplishes the most competitively while representing the best traditions of his or her college and doing well in the classroom."

The award is given annually in the memory of the newspaper's late executive editor and sports editor. Previous winners were Husker gymnast Jim Hartung and griddle Dave Rimington...

Rimington and Kansas swimmer Tammy Thomas were named the Big Eight Conference's Athletes of the Year...

In baseball, first baseman Dan Boever made the All-Big Eight team, and pitcher Todd Oakes was named to the Big Eight All-Academic team...

Gary Pepin, who was the District 5 indoor track Coach of the Year, doubled up with the outdoor award.

new coach

Judy Schalk's replacement as women's gymnastics coach is James R. "Rick" Walton, former head women's coach at the University of Georgia. In three years with the Bulldogs, Walton's teams finished 10th, 4th and 11th nationally and won nine All-American awards.

Stuckey fractured

Football regular defensive tackle Rob Stuckey, a junior from Lexington, was sporting a cast on his wrist during the summer. The wrist was broken in the third scrimmage of spring ball, but Stuckey didn't realize it and continued to practice. The fracture was discovered in an x-ray after the spring game.

passings

Two brothers who have had a profound impact on Nebraska football in the last 60 years have passed away in the last year.

Earl G. Hawkins Sr., 92, died recently in Omaha. His brother, Kenneth J. Hawkins, 84, died last year in Clearwater Beach, Fla.

Among the many projects the brothers' construction firms have contributed to the Nebraska landscape is Memorial Stadium, built in 1923.

Earl Hawkins was a quarterback on Jumbo Stiehm's Cornhusker teams and also played basketball at Nebraska. Kenneth Hawkins was a quarter-miler and captain of the track team.

overseas tours

Ron Hendricks, a Husker relief pitcher, has spent the summer playing ball in such places as Alaska, Canada, Japan and South Korea as a member of a touring Athletes in Action team. Wrestling brothers Bill and Jim Scherr also participated in an AIA tour.

Hendricks, who had the third lowest earned run average in California junior college ranks as a freshman at Golden West J.C., pitched sparingly for the Huskers last season. In 23 innings he had a 1-0 record, 3.13 ERA and one save.

Hendricks became involved with the Athletes in Action organization because "I wanted to get into something where I was around Christian people and also use my sports ability," he said.

The AIA first contacted fellow pitcher Jeff Anderson who couldn't make it. Anderson recommended Hendricks.

track recruits

Gary Pepin's powerful women's track team will be beefed up next season with an exceptional recruiting class that includes in-state distance stars Karlene Erickson of Ericson, Jill Noel of Lincoln Pius X and Carol Nunnally of Lincoln High, plus weight specialists Annie Vaughn of Omaha Tech and Jean Monter of Arapahoe and these celebrated imports:

Kristy McDermott of Scotland, a gold medalist in the 800 meters at the British Commonwealth Games; Karyn Szarkowski, the national leader in the prep javelin from Bismarck, N.D.; heptathlete Debora Clark of Woodstock, Conn., and Heather Smith of Hurlock, MD., the state champion in the 100, 200 and long jump and a national Junior Olympics runner-up.

While men's recruiting was set back because of Pepin's late appointment as a dual coach, he scored nicely by landing Michael George Minovdis, a 7-3½ high jumper from Greece, Mark Senior, a 46.6 quarter-miler from St. Elizabeth, Jamaica and Glen Cunningham (no relation to the great miler of the same name), a 1:49.1 half-miler from Mt. San Antonio, Calif., Junior College; Stephen Fletcher, the

New Jersey hurdles champ, plus Nebraska distance runners Kyle Foster of Lincoln Pius X, Brian Clark of Auburn and Kraig Vanderbeek of Lincoln East.

golfer's dream

While growing up with a grandfather and father as golf pros, Nebraska senior Mike Schuchart did a lot of dreaming about playing in such prestigious tournaments as the U.S. Open. Especially since grandpa Bill once led the Open in the third round. His father, Bob, is the pro at Lincoln's Holmes Park.

Mike got his chance to rub elbows and putters with the elite when he placed fourth in a U.S. Open sectional qualifier in Kansas City.

He was in a state of euphoria when he shot a 69 in his first practice round at Oakmont. He came down to earth a bit with a 75 in his second practice round.

"When the tournament started, it was a different world," Mike said, "with the crowd and all." His tourney rounds were 80-81.

"It was the highlight of my golfing career so far. I got to meet a lot of the pros and learned a lot. I got to find out what the tour is all about. You bet I'd love to continue on and try the pro tour, but I'm not good enough yet," he said.

Schuchart has been one of Nebraska's top amateur golfers and has "always played pretty well in the summer, but I just haven't been able to do much during the school year," he said.

His Big Eight Tournament finishes have been 26th, 9th and 15th. "A lot of your learning comes from getting out and playing with good golfers. I hope the Open experience makes me better in the Big Eight. I hope this is the year to make a breakthrough."

more golf

Nebraska Golf Coach Larry Romjue has signed Jim Sieckmann of Millard, who played on state championship teams in golf and basketball, to a scholarship.

Jim's brother, Tom, golfed at Oklahoma State and is a touring pro.

new faces for baseball

Any resemblance between Nebraska's 1984 baseball team and the group that faded to a fifth-place finish in the Big Eight in 1983 may be strictly coincidental.

Long-time Assistant Coach Ron Johnette resigned to return to the high school ranks, and 13 players moved on.

Ben Amaya, Dave Bailor, Dan Boever, Steve Gehrke, Todd Oakes and Gary Reimers were seniors. Matt Butcher, Anthony Kelley, Bob Sebra and Reg-

gie Dymally signed pro contracts with eligibility remaining, and Jeff Churchich, George Cofino and Chuck Spiegl transferred.

The Huskers were set back further when their top three pitching recruits opted for the pros after signing letters of intent.

Brian Holman of Wichita, Bill Wilkinson of Englewood, Colo., and Troy Tomsick of Westminster, Colo., yielded to money offers.

The Huskers got good news, however, when ace right-hander Jeff Anderson decided to return for his senior season. Fellow pitchers Brent Frieauf, Chris Knust, Jeff Koenigsman, Mark Honnor and Ron Hendricks are still in the fold.

"We've got good pitching coming back, and we'll have quality pitchers coming in," Pitching Coach Ray Tromba said. "No doubt about it."

Among the early summer signings were outfielder David Turney of Mount San Antonio, Calif., Junior College and freshman slugger Randy Davila of San Marcos, Calif. Davila was the sixth leading all-time rusher in the San Diego area as a prep football running back. He gained 1,498 yards as a junior and over 900 yards in six games as a senior before knee surgery ended his grid career. It will be strictly baseball at Nebraska.

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O'Brien has made the big-time, playing regularly at both first base and the outfield for the Rangers this season.

At least two other former NU players appear to be headed for major league careers. Pitcher Tim Burke began the season with the New York Yankees' Triple-A International League team in Columbus, Ohio, just a plane ticket away from the big club, while first baseman Steve Stanicek started the summer at the San Francisco Giants' top Class A team at Fresno in the California League. Before fall, he could be promoted to Shreveport, La., in the Class AA Texas League.

O'Brien spent his second full professional season in the Texas League, playing at Tulsa, Okla., where he hit .285 with 17 home runs and 78 runs-batted-in in 110 games. That year was the key.

"People tell me the toughest transition is from Double-A to Triple-A, but I think it's from A to Double-A; that's the biggest step," O'Brien said. "There are more live arms in Double-A than there are in the big leagues because they haven't been used as much yet."

Whatever the level, O'Brien did his share of wearing out pitchers' arms. After signing with the Rangers in 1979, he hit .243 with 31

RBIs in 50 games of Rookie League play. In 1980, he moved up a level and hit .295 with 17 home runs and 94 runs-batted-in for Class A Asheville, N.C., and after the productive season at Tulsa, he hit .310 with 25 home runs and 102 RBIs at Denver in the Triple-A American Association.

In three full minor league seasons, he hit 59 home runs, 49 more than he hit in three years of college.

According to O'Brien: "The corner men (first and third basemen) are supposed to be the long-ball hitters. When the bird dogs (scouts) come to the ball park, they look at the third baseman and the first baseman as the .300-power hitter who can knock in at least 50 runs."

His rapid progress through the minors is evidence that O'Brien is "an overachiever," said Sanders, who smiles at the description.

Even though O'Brien showed major league potential in his two seasons at Nebraska, setting a school RBI record (65) and earning All-Big Eight Conference recognition as a junior, few would have predicted he'd reach the top so quickly. Unlike Stanicek, O'Brien wasn't an All-American, and he wasn't drafted in the first round.

He wasn't even picked in the first 10

rounds.

In fact, 14 rounds went by before the Rangers chose O'Brien.

And unlike Nebraska teammates Jeff Hunter, Joe Scherger and Jim McManus, O'Brien had never been drafted before, not out of high school in Pebble Beach, Calif., and not after his freshman year at Peninsula Junior College in nearby Monterrey, Calif.

He learned of the opportunity which has led to a professional career at midnight, when he came home from an evening on the town. His mother met him at the door with the news, and he got on the telephone right away to let some friends know he'd been drafted. The round didn't matter.

"I just want a shot," O'Brien said the next day.

Being a 15th-round draft choice isn't O'Brien's only claim to the description "overachiever" as a baseball player. During his freshman year at Carmel High School in Pebble Beach, he struggled before choosing baseball over golf as an athletic career goal, and until his senior year at Carmel High, he was strictly a pitcher.

It wasn't easy for O'Brien to give up his golf clubs for baseball spikes. His family's home is located near the fourth tee at Spyglass

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Hill Country Club, one of the sites for the annual Bing Crosby National Pro-Am Golf Tournament, a "golfer's paradise." One of his high school golfing partners was PGA Tour professional Bobby Clampett.

O'Brien's golf swing was better than his batting swing most of his high school career. He pitched, and "they always used a designated hitter for me. I was kind of a joke (as a batter) even though I'd been a good hitter in Little League," he said.

Arm trouble and "five or six games coaching first base," convinced O'Brien that playing first base and batting for himself would be more fun than pitching. He caught on quickly. After a season at Peninsula Junior College, he transferred to Nebraska, where he hit .333 as a sophomore and .325 as a junior. Immediately after being drafted, O'Brien pointed out the wisdom of the transfer.

"It definitely helped coming to Nebraska as far as I was concerned," he said. "I wasn't getting any exposure at all playing junior college baseball in northern California.

"There weren't any scouts around to watch us."

That wasn't a problem for Stanicek, who was the 11th player (the No. 1 first baseman) selected in the first round of the 1982 June free agent draft. Whenever he swung a bat or fielded a ground ball, scouts charted it. San Francisco made him Nebraska's highest pick in the 19-year history of the free agent draft.

Bahnsen, a pitcher whose career ended last season, was the first Cornhusker ever picked in the draft. He was a third-round choice of the New York Yankees in 1965, the draft's first year. Cerv became a professional at a time when there was no draft.

Stanicek came to Nebraska after being graduated from Rich East High School in Park Forest, Ill. He was a 12th-round draft choice of the St. Louis Cardinals following his senior year, but decided to accept a scholarship from Nebraska instead of turning professional.

O'Brien was eager to sign and get started.

Stanicek was more reserved and pursued a set amount of money before putting his name on a Giants' contract. He waited until San Francisco agreed to pay him \$92,000. By so doing, he delayed his journey through the minor leagues nearly one whole season.

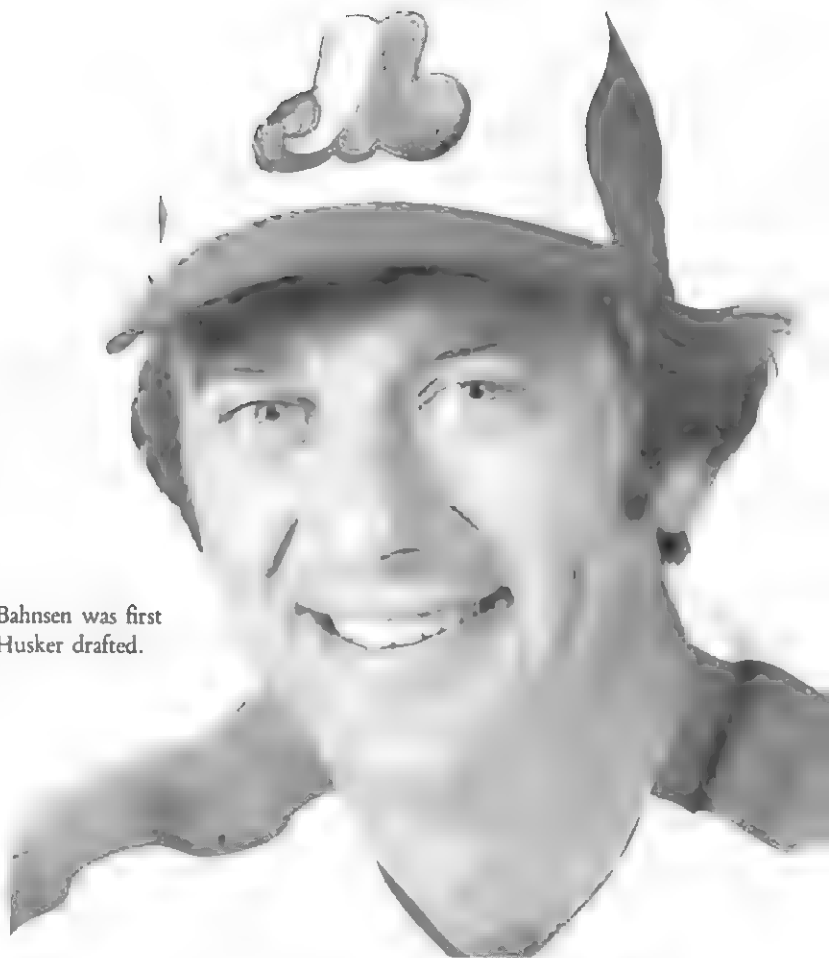
Nebraska's all-time leading home run hitter didn't begin playing in Fresno until August, appearing in 22 games and batting 69 times. He finished with three home runs, seven RBIs and a .246 average.

Stanicek struck out an atypical 21 times.

"I was so anxious, I was swinging at everything," he said.

Still, his patience in signing underscored San Francisco's investment in him, and

Bahnsen was first
Husker drafted.



Giants' officials expect the big first baseman to begin moving quickly through the organization. He's considered the team's first baseman of the future, the near future.

Burke's professional baseball future was a little uncertain near the end of his junior year at Nebraska because of a muscle strain which hampered his performance. The right-hander from Omaha lasted five innings in a game against Oklahoma at the Big Eight Tournament.

In his next start at the NCAA Midwest Regional in Ann Arbor, Mich., he asked Sanders to take him out of a game with Michigan after getting only eight outs. "Right after that I was getting calls from different (major league) teams wondering what was going on," said Burke, who was 8-6 with a 3.02 earned-run average his junior year as a Cornhusker.

Included in those eight victories was a no-hitter.

The muscle strain made it increasingly difficult for Burke's arm to bounce back between starts and "it got to the point that I didn't want to go out, but I had to," he said, adding that a much-delayed visit to the doctor alleviated his fears.

Those fears were eliminated in June of

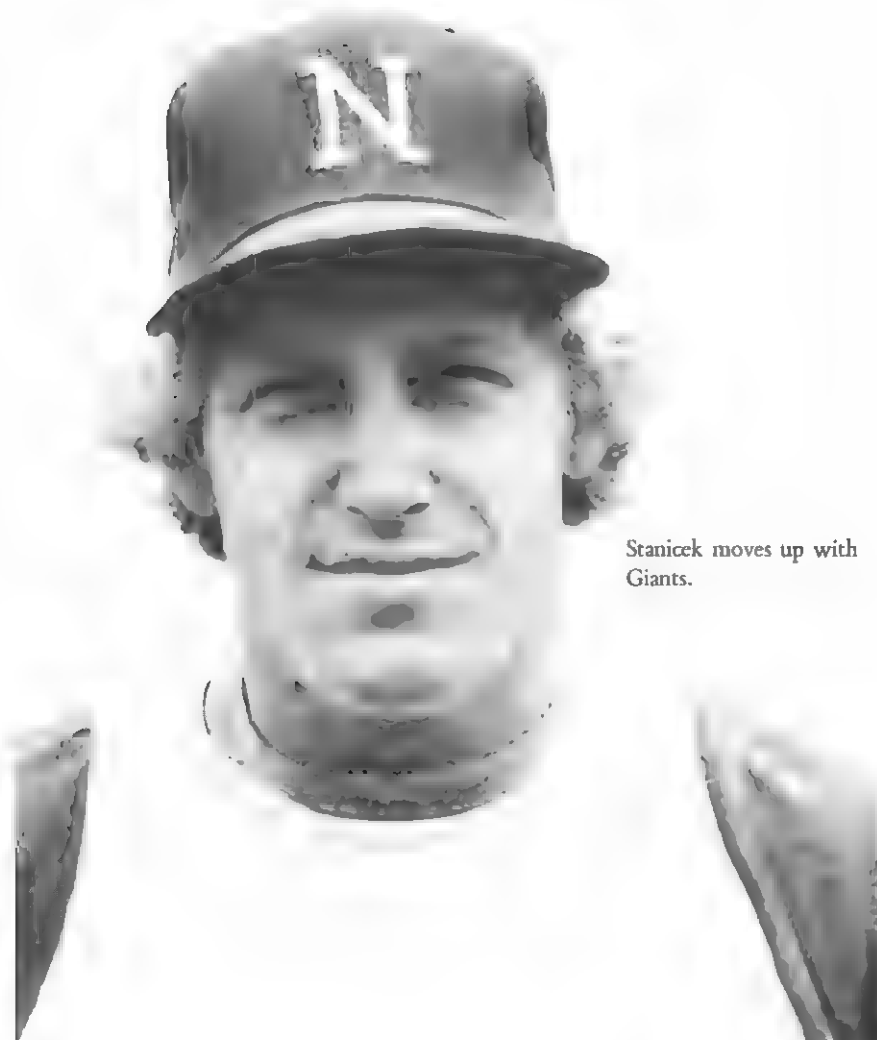
1980, when the Pittsburgh Pirates picked Burke in the second round of the major league free agent draft's primary phase. Burke had resigned himself to another day of reading the newspaper and watching soap operas when the Pirates called.

He was surprised. More specifically, "I was shocked," he said.

Burke signed with Pittsburgh and spent a summer resting his arm before beginning his professional career with the Pirates' Class A Carolina League team in Alexandria, Va., where his record was 8-10 and his earned-run average a creditable 3.30. On the strength of those numbers and a fastball clocked in excess of 90 mph, he was promoted to Buffalo in the Class AA Eastern League.

Like O'Brien, Burke thinks the toughest step on the minor league ladder is from Class A to Class AA. At the Double-A level, a pitcher has to be able to get his breaking pitches over when he's behind on the count while in Class A, he can always rely on his fastball.

Burke started strong in Buffalo but began to tire as the season dragged on. He pitched 144 innings for the 55-84 Bison, finishing 7-10 with a 5.19 earned-run average, deceptive statistics considering the right field fence in Buffalo was only 290 feet from home plate.



Stanicek moves up with Giants.

After his year at Buffalo, Burke was traded to the New York Yankees in a deal which included Lee Mazzilli. Essentially, the exchange was three Pirate minor leaguers for Mazzilli, with Burke being the key figure as far as New York was concerned. Again, the former Omaha Roncalli High School athlete was "shocked, completely shocked.

"I had no idea it was coming," Burke said.

Burke got another surprise when the Yankees' minor league spring training camp ended this year. Instead of being assigned to New York's Class AA team in Nashville, Tenn., he was given a ticket to the American Association Columbus Clippers, one of the top franchises in minor league baseball and just a phone call away from the parent club.

Burke and Stanicek are probably the closest to reaching the major leagues, but several other Cornhuskers began the summer making a living in professional baseball.

Roger Hill, the steady center fielder on Stanicek's NU team, was playing on the Seattle Mariners' Class A team in Bakersfield, Calif., while catcher Nick Richards and utility player Stan Haas were with lower Class A

teams, Richards in the Kansas City Royals' organization and Haas with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Former NU pitcher Rick Evans earned a contract with the Royals during a tryout camp and started the summer with Kansas City's Fort Myers, Fla., farm club, winning four of his first five starts.

Evans pitched two complete-game shutouts and compiled a 0.52 earned-run average before injuring tendons in his left (pitching) elbow. The Royals sent him to California to be examined by Dr. Frank Jobe, the specialist who revitalized Tommy John's arm, and Evans was sidelined for the rest of the season.

The June major league free agent draft provided the opportunity for several more Cornhuskers to begin professional careers.

Four seniors and five juniors were drafted. Only two of those juniors didn't sign — shortstop Turner Gill and pitcher Jeff Anderson.

Gill was an 18th-round pick of the New York Yankees, but he could have been a first-round selection if he hadn't called a press conference prior to the draft to announce his in-

tention of returning to Nebraska for his senior year of football and baseball. Both the Texas Rangers and the Oakland A's had considered making him their No. 1 pick.

Surprisingly, Anderson, Nebraska's No. 1 starting pitcher during the season, wasn't picked until the 20th round by the Oakland A's.

The first NU player chosen in the draft was junior pitcher Bob Sebra, who went to the Texas Rangers in the fifth round. The right-hander from Medford Lakes, N.J., was 6-2 with a 4.37 earned-run average and 68 strikeouts in 60 innings this year. In his three seasons, Sebra became the first Cornhusker to strike out 200 batters.

"Seb" has the blazing fastball. That's something you can't project," said NU pitching coach Ray Tromba.

The other juniors who decided to forego their final seasons at Nebraska were infielder Matt Butcher, the Minnesota Twins 14th-round pick, and pitcher Anthony Kelley, the Houston Astros' choice in the 18th round.

First baseman and co-captain Dan Boever was the first NU senior drafted, going in the eighth round to the Cincinnati Reds. Pitcher Todd Oakes, the other co-captain, was taken by the San Francisco Giants in the 20th round. Steve Gehrke, another pitcher, was drafted by San Francisco in the 32nd round, and utility player Ben Amaya was a 33rd-round pick of the Seattle Mariners.

The nine Cornhuskers drafted were the most in the school's history, a fact Sanders emphasizes when he goes out recruiting.

The draft also cost Nebraska its top two high school pitching recruits, right-hander Brian Holman and left-hander Bill Wilkinson. Holman was taken by the Montreal Expos, the 16th player drafted in the first round, and signed after lengthy negotiations.

Wilkinson went in the fourth round to Seattle and also signed, forcing Sanders to adjust his plans for next season and sending the Husker head coach back on the recruiting trail. Holman, in particular, could have been a "difference maker" in the Nebraska program.

"They were two of the best (high school) pitchers in the Midwest," signed and sealed but not delivered. Still, Sanders had no complaint.

In both cases, the players "told us it would take lots and lots of money to sign, and they were true to their word. They got lots and lots of money and they signed," said Sanders.

Losing highly-regarded recruits to professional teams is nothing new to Sanders, who tries to build his program with the best players available. Last season, his No. 1 recruit, left-handed pitcher Bob Kipper from Central Catholic High School in Aurora, Ill,



Nebraska

O'Brien as a Husker.

was the sixth player taken in the first round.

Like Holman and Wilkinson, Kipper signed.

"The better the players we recruit, the more likely that will happen," said Sanders, who's come to accept the fact that players often are going to sign after their junior years. "There's a certain risk involved when you go after the best. Anybody who recruits in (college) baseball knows that."

Of course not everyone who succeeds is a high-round draft pick. O'Brien, the 15th-round pick, is dramatic proof of that. In fact, it was more a case of his calling Nebraska than the Cornhuskers contacting him that brought him to Lincoln.

O'Brien played two summers in the California Collegiate League for a team which sent several players to Nebraska. Larry Muno, the coach of that team, put O'Brien in touch with Sanders, and the rest is pleasant history for the Cornhuskers. "I saw the (NU) program was building," O'Brien said, explaining why he picked Nebraska.

And his having been a Cornhusker has helped build the program. •

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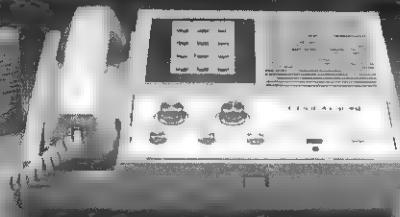
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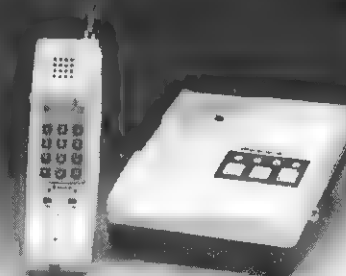
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at home. We also beat K-State fairly easily and had two games with them rained out.

"That means we had six games rained out against opponents who hadn't beaten us. That may sound like a semi-copout, but it's a legitimate factor.

"I will say this, though," offered Sanders. "I guarantee we're not looking for history to repeat itself next year. We've cleaned some shelves and had a good recruiting year. We're going to improve next year, no matter what the weather's like."

Davis feels the same way about the NU women's softball team, the only Husker 1981-82 Big Eight championship outfit that failed to repeat in 1982-83.

The Husker women not only failed to repeat, but also endured a series of controversies that landed them in the league cellar and led to the resignation of their coach, Nancy Plantz.

"You don't go from Big Eight champion

and seventh in the nation to nothing," Davis said. "I still think our softball program is a strong one. We have talented people who can do the job. A lot of this year's performance was from the neck up. It was unfortunate they had such a stutter step, but they'll bounce back."

The collapse of the softball team was offset by the rise of the NU women's golf team. "Their Big Eight championship was probably the most phenomenal thing that happened all year," Devaney said.

"Every championship is exciting, but golf was the most exciting one this year," Davis added, "because Jerry Fisher is a real solid coach and an excellent technician. For him, a championship was inevitable. His young women have always played hard and they finally did it. It couldn't have happened to a nicer person."

Fisher, the head golf pro at the Lincoln Country Club, admitted his surprise, especially since his first three Husker teams had never finished higher than fourth in the Big Eight.

"I didn't know how we'd play once we got out in front because we'd never been there before," he said. "I knew we had the talent and I knew we had the ability. But I also knew we had a stigma. The Oklahoma schools play in tournaments we can't even get

into. It's kind of intimidating."

Fisher meant to say it used to be kind of intimidating. The Huskers are intimidated no more. They continue to make the moves to turn the question marks into more exclamation points.

"Our athletic program is healthy," Davis said. "We're making some changes, but I think those changes are an indication of maturity and growth. They're in the best interests of our total program."

One of those changes is the promotion of Kelley Hill from assistant to head women's basketball coach. Hill is a former captain on the Southern Cal women's basketball team.

"She has the determination and the creative ideas to promote the program," Davis said. "You can feel her enthusiasm. You know how much she believes in Nebraska. She's really proud to be a part of the Nebraska coaching staff, and I think I know why. We have the best athletic program in the Big Eight...and one of the best in the country."

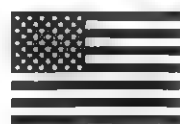
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Missouri 2-3-2. 6, tie among Iowa State, Kansas and Colorado 1-5-1.

Cross country — 1, Colorado 35.2, Iowa State 81. 3, Kansas State 84. 4, Oklahoma State 103. 5, Oklahoma 110. 6, Kansas 123. 7, Nebraska 154. 8, Missouri 215.

Basketball — 1, Missouri 12-2. 2, Oklahoma 10-4. 3, tie between Nebraska and Oklahoma State 9-5. 5, Iowa State 5-9. 6, tie between Kansas and Kansas State 4-10. 8, Colorado 3-11.

Indoor Track — 1, Kansas 95. 2, Missouri 80. 3, Iowa State 77. 4, Kansas State 64. 5, Oklahoma 62. 6, Colorado 54. 7, Oklahoma State 50. 8, Nebraska 45.

Swimming — 1, Nebraska 498½. 2, Kansas 419½. 3, Iowa State 405½. 4, Missouri 314. 5, Oklahoma 126½.

Gymnastics — 1, Nebraska 282.20. 2, Iowa State 278.85. 3, Oklahoma 271.45.

Wrestling — 1, Oklahoma State 89.25. 2, Iowa State 76. 3, Nebraska 61. 4, Oklahoma 52. 5, Missouri 22.

Baseball — 1, Oklahoma State 11-3. 2, Oklahoma 18-6. 3, Kansas 8-7. 4, Missouri 7-8. 5, Nebraska 8-10. 6, Iowa State 5-9. 7, Kansas State 2-16.

Outdoor track — 1, Iowa State 127½. 2, Kansas 115. 3, Kansas State 98¼. 4, Oklahoma State 89. 5, Missouri 82. 6, Nebraska 38½. 7, Colorado 34. 8, Oklahoma 5.

Tennis — 1, Oklahoma State 103. 2, Oklahoma 93. 3, Nebraska 77. 4, Colorado 56. 5, Kansas 45. 6, Kansas State 37. 7, Iowa State 30.

Golf — 1, Oklahoma State 888. 2, tie between Oklahoma and Missouri 901. 4, Nebraska 917. 5, Kansas 930. 6, Colorado 938. 7, Iowa State 945. 8, Kansas State 1,003.

Women's Sports

Volleyball — 1, Nebraska 9-1. 2, Missouri 8-2. 3, Iowa State 5-5. 4, Kansas State 4-6. 5, Oklahoma 3-7. 6, Kansas 1-9.

Cross country — 1, Kansas State 41. 2, Iowa State 51. 3, Colorado 80. 4, Missouri 89. 5, Nebraska 105. 6, Oklahoma State 187. 7, Kansas 191. 8, Oklahoma 193.

Tennis — 1, Oklahoma State 112. 2, Oklahoma 101. 3, Nebraska 70. 4, Colorado 62. 5, Kansas 49. 6, Kansas State 29. 7, Iowa State 18.

Indoor track — 1, Nebraska 172. 2, Kansas State 79. 3, Missouri 74. 4, Colorado 47. 5, tie between Oklahoma and Kansas 41. 7, Iowa State 24. 8, Oklahoma State 18.

Basketball — 1, Kansas State 12-2. 2, Missouri 10-4. 3, Kansas 9-5. 4, Colorado 7-5. 5, Oklahoma 7-7. 6, Nebraska 5-9. 7, Iowa State 3-9. 8, Oklahoma State 1-13.

Gymnastics — 1, Nebraska 180.30. 2, Oklahoma 177.20. 3, Missouri 176.05. 4, Oklahoma State 175.10. 5, Iowa State 169.20.

Swimming — 1, Kansas 823. 2, Nebraska 427. 3, Iowa State 423. 4, Oklahoma 350. 5, Missouri 293.

Outdoor track — 1, Nebraska 161. 2, Missouri 83. 3, Kansas State 79. 4, Oklahoma 74. 5, Kansas 59. 6, Iowa State 47.7. Colorado 30. 8, Oklahoma State 18.

Softball — 1, Missouri 4-2 plus 7. 2, Oklahoma State 4-2 plus 2. 3, Oklahoma 4-2 minus 3. 4, Kansas 4-2, minus 6. 5, Kansas State 3-3. 6, Iowa State 1-5. 7, Nebraska 1-5.

Golf — 1, Nebraska 958. 2, Oklahoma 962. 3, Oklahoma State 967. 4, tie between Kansas and Missouri 1,009. 6, Iowa State 1,026. 7, Kansas 1,160.

Gill

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Turner is on the move against Mizzou.

wouldn't make a mistake and be more mentally ready. Everything just fell into place," he said.

Gill's break came late in the first half when Nebraska, 1-2 at the time, trailed Auburn in the rain. Mauer started, but Gill replaced him and started the second half. The Huskers pulled it out, and Gill won his first start the next week against Colorado.

He was the Big Eight player of the week with a school record-tying four touchdown passes. He completed 10 of 14 the next week against Kansas State.

But the 6-0 victory over Missouri the week after "was the turning point of my career," he said. "That game showed me I could take a pounding, stay strong and come back and win the game."

Missouri and Hawaii last year. With Gill in the locker room with back spasms, the Huskers trailed the upstart Rainbows 10-0 at the half. "I didn't know it until they came in. I said, 'Let me go out and see what I can do,'" he said.

Gill rallied the Huskers, 37-14, with 30 points in the fourth quarter. "I look at that one as unbelievable. I guess I found out I was important to the team," he said.

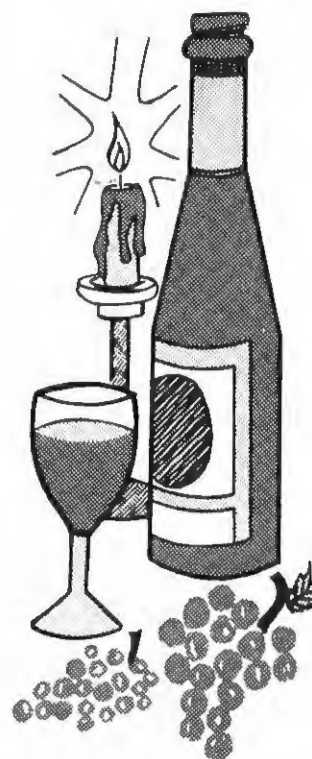
Behind Gill, the Huskers have marched unbeaten through two Big Eight seasons, and only the last-second loss to Penn State last year marred a perfect season. "I take all the blame for that; I played the worse first half of my life," Gill said. "That one game cost us the national championship, but I don't dwell on it."

It is conceivable that Gill's presence in the Orange Bowl his soph season also might have meant a national championship. A mysterious nerve injury in his leg and two subsequent operations knocked him out of the Oklahoma game and the showdown against national titlist Clemson. Mauer took care of Oklahoma, but a shoulder injury hurt the cause in the loss to Clemson.

The most publicized injury in Husker history kept Gill out of baseball and spring football last year, but that is far behind him now. During the spring, he was faster than ever. An electronic timer caught him in a 40-yard dash that converted to less than 4.5 seconds in conventional timing. He also had a career best of 32 inches in the vertical jump.

Osborne was in Oklahoma City for the Big Eight spring meeting when he read Gill's "50-50" quote in the papers. He wasn't overly alarmed because, he said, he has seen such things get distorted in the papers before. And besides, "That quote wasn't real consistent

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Gill said it was a fair appraisal at the time, "but I knew with everything going on, it would be better to sit down and weigh things out."

Osborne talked it over with him, "but I didn't say a whole lot to influence him one way or the other. I wanted him to make a decision that would be good for him. I just took a wait-and-see attitude.

"A lot of the cards were in the hands of the baseball people. It was all out of my hands. I didn't know enough about the baseball situation to advise him. Besides, he wouldn't be much good to us if he didn't really *want* to play football."

Gill appreciated the lack of pressure from his football coach. His bottom line had been \$100,000 out of high school, and the price had gone up, "but I won't say what it is," he said.

He talked it over with Turner Sr. in Oklahoma City and "called home about every day" in the following days. He also sought the advice of attorney Bill Wright, his adopted Lincoln father. It came down to this: "Where will I be 10 years from now; which way will I be better off.

"I didn't think I could lose by playing football for another year. I want to come back and make myself feel good about playing four years. How good can I be? Can I play pro football? Can I improve my bargaining position?

"I'm more apt to get my degree quicker than if I left. That had a lot to do with it. I realize I'm a popular figure in Nebraska. My job value right now is better in Nebraska. I'd like to get into public relations. With another year, I might get some national recognition and help with a job down the line.

"This time, the decision was definitely easier. It was school vs. money."

Gill didn't drag it out through the pro baseball draft and try to drive up the price. He announced that football would be his choice and told the baseball interests not to waste a draft slot on him.

"I figured it would be better to take the pressure off. I thought I would have less respect from the baseball people if they drafted me, and then I decided to play football. They said, 'If you're not going to sign, let us know.'"

After he announced his intentions, Gill was drafted as a long shot by the New York Yankees in the 18th round. "I was told I would probably have gone in the first round if

I had decided to play baseball," he said.

"I'm sure Coach Osborne felt all along that I'd be back. He and my parents knew more about what was going on in my mind than anybody," he said.

Gill broke the good news to Athletic Department Academic Counselor Ursula Walsh, who telephoned Osborne in Michigan, where he was on a fishing trip.

"He knew exactly where I stood. He knew he didn't have anything to worry about," Turner joked. "He knew he could go fishing."

The Quarterback Log

PASSING

1. **Dave Humm**, 1974, 353 completions in 637 attempts (.554), 36 interceptions (5.6 ratio), 5,035 yards, 41 touchdowns.
2. **Jerry Tagge**, 1971, 348 completions in 581 attempts (.598), 19 interceptions (3.2), 4,704 yards, 32 touchdowns.
3. **Vince Farragamo**, 1976, 224 completions in 389 attempts (.575), 13 interceptions (3.3), 3,224 yards, 32 touchdowns.
4. **Bob Churchich**, 1966, 220 completions in 408 attempts (.539), 23 interceptions (5.6), 2,935 yards, 19 touchdowns.
5. **Tom Sorley** 1978, 148 completions in 256 attempts (.558), 13 interceptions (4.9), 2,230 yards, 15 touchdowns.
6. **Jeff Quinn**, 1980, 147 completions in 254 attempts (.578), 11 interceptions (4.3), 2,005 yards, 18 touchdowns.
7. **Frank Patrick**, 1969, 143 completions in 300 attempts (.477), 18 interceptions (6.0), 1,860 yards, 8 touchdowns.
8. **Turner Gill**, 1983, 137 completions in 257 attempts (.533), seven interceptions (2.7), 1,801 yards, 20 touchdowns.
9. **Dennis Claridge**, 129 completions in 307 attempts (.420), 14 interceptions (4.5), 1,760 yards, 10 touchdowns.
10. **John Bordogna**, 1953, 113 completions in 271 attempts (.417), 20 interceptions (7.3), 1,618 yards, 6 touchdowns.
11. **Van Brownson**, 1971, 128 completions in 237 attempts (.540), 9 interceptions (3.7), 1,455 yards, 12 touchdowns.
12. **Fred Duda**, 1965, 84 completions in 202 attempts (.416), 16 interceptions (7.9), 1,161 yards, 8 touchdowns.
13. **Ernie Sigler**, 1968, 74 completions in 147 attempts (.503), 6 interceptions (4.0), 923 yards, 5 touchdowns.
14. **Tim Hager**, 1979, 56 completions in 106 attempts (.528), 4 interceptions (3.7), 865 yards, 7 touchdowns. •

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1983

Aug. 29	Penn State at Meadowlands
Sept. 10	WYOMING at Lincoln
Sept. 17	Minnesota at Minnesota
Sept. 24	UCLA at Lincoln
Oct. 1	SYRACUSE at Lincoln
Oct. 8	Oklahoma State at Stillwater
Oct. 15	Missouri at Columbia
Oct. 22	COLORADO at Lincoln
Oct. 29	Kansas State at Manhattan
Nov. 5	IOWA STATE at Lincoln
Nov. 12	KANSAS at Lincoln
Nov. 26	Oklahoma at Norman

1984

Sept. 8	WYOMING at Lincoln
Sept. 15	MINNESOTA at Lincoln
Sept. 22	UCLA at Los Angeles
Sept. 29	Syracuse at Syracuse
Oct. 6	OKLAHOMA ST at Lincoln
Oct. 13	MISSOURI at Lincoln
Oct. 20	Colorado at Boulder
Oct. 27	KANSAS STATE at Lincoln
Nov. 3	Iowa State at Ames
Nov. 10	Kansas at Lawrence
Nov. 17	OKLAHOMA at Lincoln

1985

Sept. 14	FLORIDA STATE at Lincoln
Sept. 21	ILLINOIS at Lincoln
Sept. 28	OREGON at Lincoln
Oct. 5	NEW MEXICO at Lincoln
Oct. 12	Oklahoma State at Stillwater
Oct. 19	Missouri at Columbia
Oct. 26	COLORADO at Lincoln
Nov. 2	Kansas State at Manhattan
Nov. 9	IOWA STATE at Lincoln
Nov. 16	KANSAS at Lincoln
Nov. 23	Oklahoma at Norman

1986

Sept. 13	FLORIDA STATE at Lincoln
Sept. 20	Illinois at Champaign
Sept. 27	OREGON at Lincoln
Oct. 4	South Carolina at Columbia
Oct. 11	OKLAHOMA ST at Lincoln
Oct. 18	MISSOURI at Lincoln
Oct. 25	Colorado at Boulder
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